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THE ROBOT---
IT WON'T ANSWER
THE CONTROLS! IT'S
BROKEN LOOSE!

What HAPPENS WHEN
A ROBOT THINKS?
YOU'LL BE THRILLED,
AMAZED, BY---
"The IRON BRAIN!"



OGDEN
WHITNEY

Nebraska Woman Makes Over \$500.00 Clear

I have made as much as \$15.00 in a day clear and only sell Wallace Brown cards in my spare time. One year I made over \$500.00 clear. Most ladies tell me they prefer shopping this way instead of going up town. Each year I have been with you I find my business increasing.

Mrs. Earl M. Johnson, Neb.

Clears Over \$150.00 Without Much Effort

Wallace Brown Cards sell themselves. They are of high quality and are very attractive in design. I cleared over \$150.00 one year . . . and I have already secured many orders without very much effort.

Mrs. Mary M. Thompson, Ga.

Sells \$20.00 Worth in One Evening

Wallace Brown has a wonderful line of cards. I have sold up to \$10.00 in one place, and in a few hours one evening, I sold \$20.00 worth. They all love Wallace Brown cards . . . everyone says they are very, very beautiful.

Mr. Henry C. White, N. Car.

Housewife Makes \$23.50 in a Few Short Hours

My son is going to college and of course needs help. When your cards came I felt that was my answer. I had never done anything like it in my life. Am I glad I did! All who see your line think they're wonderful. So I have no trouble getting orders. One morning I sold \$20.75 in two hours. Another day I made \$23.50 in just a few hours.

Mrs. Mildred Lyons, R.I.

Sells 8 to 10 Boxes at One Place

I'm glad I started selling Wallace Brown cards. I've sold 8 to 10 boxes at one place. This is my 5th year selling Wallace Brown.

Mrs. Leonard Steele, Ill.

Organization Raises Over \$300.00

The Wallace Brown cards are the fastest-moving our Society has ever handled. We made more money one year (over \$300.00) just selling your line of products than we have ever made on any other project.

Mrs. Willis W. Butts, S. Car. Sec., Ladies' Missionary Soc.

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION. It's easy with these Wallace Brown Greeting Card Assortments. Check coupon for complete details of Fund-Raising Plan.

You Can Make Money Like This!

\$50⁰⁰ to \$250⁰⁰ IN YOUR SPARE TIME Quick-Easy-Fast!

Make All the Money You Want Easier, Faster—And Have Fun Doing It!

FEATURE CHRISTMAS ASSORTMENT

This 21-Card "Feature" Christmas Assortment of Deluxe cards would cost \$2.50 if bought singly. It's the biggest value in America, at only \$1.00 a box. No wonder you'll make money hand over fist with this assortment and with all the other wonderful Wallace Brown values!

Yes, it's true people all over America are making easy, extra money to buy the things they want and need. Just read the letters on the left. There's your proof! And you'll see more proof when we send you our beautiful new and exciting line of Christmas Cards and Gift Items. Once you see them, you'll see at once that you don't have to be a "salesman" in order to turn your spare time into cash. Why, in your own town there are dozens of folks—friends, family, neighbors, storekeepers—who'll grab up these beautiful cards on sight. They're such spectacular ideas in Christmas cards—and so low-priced—that the samples do the selling for you. Almost everyone who sees them will probably order 2, 3, 6 or more

boxes right on the spot. And you make up to 50¢ on each one! This is the fun way of making extra money because it's so easy! See for yourself without risking a cent by mailing the coupon below TODAY! You'll be glad you did!

FREE SAMPLES and Catalog

Make even more money with outstanding Special Value Name-Imprinted Personal Christmas Cards. Send coupon NOW for FREE Samples of these low-priced beauties that sell on sight. Also, you get sample assortment of 21-card "Feature" Christmas Assortment, on approval . . . plus FREE full-color Catalog of entire line. Everything you need to start making money at once—and we show you how. Send no money. Mail coupon TODAY.

SEND NO MONEY

Paste Coupon on postcard or mail in envelope

WALLACE BROWN, INC.
11 East 26th St., Dept. J-5
New York 10, New York

Send 21-card "Feature" Christmas ass't., postpaid and on approval, plus FREE samples of Special Value Personal Christmas Cards, FREE Catalog of 76 money-makers, details of money-making plan.

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11 East 26th St., Dept. J-5
New York 10, New York

ARTHUR LANSING'S EXISTENCE WAS A POOR AND MISERABLE ONE, WITH EACH DARK DAY LIKE THE LAST! AND NOTHING COULD CHANGE IT, HE THOUGHT...UNTIL HE CRASHED HEADLONG INTO THE MIRACLE OF...



THIS WAS ONE OF THE DARK DAYS...

LET'S FACE IT, ARTHUR LANSING...YOU'RE A **COWARD, A MISERABLE FAILURE!**



WHY DID HE SAY THIS? WELL...LET'S FOLLOW HIM IN HIS TYPICAL ROUTINE...HE'D LEAVE HIS POOR LODGINGS, RIDE TIMIDLY TO WORK IN THE CROWDED SUBWAY...

LOOK, BUDDY, I TOLD YA TA **SHOVE OVER!** YOU BETTER DO IT **OR ELSE!**

I...I'M SORRY, BUT THERE'S NO ROOM! YOU...YOU CAN HAVE **MY SEAT** IF YOU WANT!



ALL DAY HE'D SLAVE IN THE ANTIQUE STORE OWNED BY HIS WEALTHY UNCLE HENRY...

LET'S SEE... WHEN I FINISH THIS, I'VE GOT TO UNPACK THE NEW LAMP BASES...ARRANGE FOR TODAY'S DELIVERIES...THEN SEE THAT THE BOOKKEEPING IS TAKEN CARE OF...



JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, UNCLE HENRY DIDN'T APPRECIATE HIM! IN FACT, IT WAS THE OTHER WAY AROUND---FOR HENRY LANSING WAS A MISER AND A BULLY---

YOU TOOK FORTY MINUTES FOR LUNCH YESTERDAY, AND I WON'T **HAVE** IT! I WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO TAKE YOU INTO MY STORE AND I EXPECT **WORK**, SEE?

I---I'M SORRY, UNCLE HENRY! I'LL EAT MY LUNCH IN AFTER THIS ---AND I'LL TRY TO WORK EVEN **HARDER!**



BUT THIS PARTICULAR MONDAY **WASN'T** A TYPICAL DAY BECAUSE ARTHUR HAD MADE A RESOLUTION ---ONE WHICH REQUIRED ALL OF HIS SMALL COURAGE---

WITH PRICES WHAT THEY ARE, I JUST CAN'T MAKE OUT ANY LONGER ON THE LITTLE BIT UNCLE HENRY PAYS ME! HE'S **GOT** TO RECOGNIZE THAT! I ---I'LL ASK HIM NOW---FOR JUST A **LITTLE RAISE---**



WHAT SORT OF ANTIQUES BUYER DO YOU CALL YOURSELF ANYWAY, SORRELL? WHY, THIS LATEST CONSIGNMENT YOU SENT ME INCLUDES A LOT OF BROKEN, WORTHLESS JUNK THAT CAN'T EVEN BE PUT ON SALE!



LOOK, I'VE GATHERED THE TRASH IN THIS BARREL---I'M GOING TO THROW IT OUT!



SO WHAT? WHEN YOU BUY A COMPLETE COLLECTION, YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WORTHLESS STUFF TO GET THE VALUABLE ITEMS! YOU'VE GOT NO KICK---THROW OUT THAT JUNK IN THE BARREL AND YOU'LL **STILL** MAKE A HUGE PROFIT ON THE REST OF THE CONSIGNMENT!

OVERHEARING THIS, ARTHUR REJOICED--- BECAUSE IF HIS UNCLE WAS GOING TO MAKE A BIG PROFIT, HE MIGHT LOOK MORE KINDLY ON HIS NEPHEW'S REQUEST FOR A RAISE! BUT IT **WASN'T** FATED TO BE THAT WAY---

YOU HAVE THE AUDACITY TO ASK FOR **MORE MONEY**... WHEN THINGS ARE SO BAD THAT I'M LOSING EVERY DAY? WHY, I'M PAYING YOU TOO MUCH AS IT IS, BECAUSE I'M SOFT-HEARTED AND YOU'RE A RELATIVE!

BUT UNCLE HENRY, YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND! THERE'S MY ROOM RENT---AND FOOD ---I JUST DON'T HAVE **ENOUGH!**



ARTHUR, YOU KNOW VERY WELL I CAN'T AFFORD IT **NOW**--- BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M GOING TO DO FOR YOU! I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE FINE ANTIQUES ---AND IN THIS BARREL IS A COLLECTION OF THE VERY **BEST!** YOU CAN HAVE YOUR **CHOICE**, NEPHEW!

MY CHOICE OF... **THOSE?**



ARTHUR DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO TALK UP, TO TELL HIS UNCLE THAT HE'D OVERHEARD HOW WORTHLESS THIS RUBBISH WAS! INSTEAD, HE INSERTED HIS HAND IN THE BARREL---CLOSING IT ABOUT THE FIRST THING AVAILABLE, A BATTERED, ANCIENT MIRROR---



THANK YOU, UNCLE HENRY---THANK YOU **VERY** MUCH!



HE LEFT FOR HOME BITTERLY
REPROACHING HIMSELF...

WHY MUST I BE SUCH A
COWARD? WHY DIDN'T I
TELL HIM THIS OLD MIRROR
WAS JUNK, A WORTHLESS
PIECE OF NOTHING? WELL,
I' KNOW WHAT TO DO
WITH IT...



...THROW IT
INTO THE NEAREST
ASHCAN... WHERE
IT **BELONGS**!



SUDDENLY SOMETHING STRANGE
HAPPENED! FROM THE OLD GLASS
THERE CAME A RADIANT, BLINDING
FLASH, WHICH CAUGHT ARTHUR
SQUARELY...

OH-HHH!



HOW...HOW
COULD SUCH A LIGHT
EVER HAVE COME
FROM A DULL SURFACE
LIKE **THIS**? FUNNY...
MAYBE I'D BETTER
STUDY IT FURTHER!



HE TOOK IT TO HIS ROOM, CLEANED IT UP! UNDER THE
GRIME OF CENTURIES, HE WAS AMAZED TO FIND...

WHY, IT'S **BEAUTIFUL**!
INCREDIBLY OLD, THOUGH
---HUNDREDS OF
YEARS!



BUT THE GLASS IS SO DIM...
MAYBE I'D BETTER GET IT REPLACED!
---**HEY!** IT SEEMS TO BE CLEARING
---AND THERE'S SOMETHING
MOVING IN IT!



AM I...**DREAMING**?
IT'S A WINTER SCENE...
A BLIZZARD! AND I CAN
SEE THE SNOW FALLING...
THE WIND LASHING
THAT TREE...!





ONLY THE DRIVER INSISTED ON REMAINING BEHIND...HE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO ABANDON THE BUS! ARTHUR WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE WITH THE REST WHEN HE CAUGHT A SUDDEN GLIMPSE OF THE MAN WHO'D VOLUNTEERED TO LEAD THE WAY...

OH, N-NO! IT'S THE MAN WITH THE WALRUS MOUSTACHE...THE VERY MAN I SAW IN THE MIRROR!



REMEMBERING WHAT ELSE HE HAD SEEN, HE REACTED IN HORROR...DESPERATELY TRYING TO PREVENT THE PASSENGERS FROM LEAVING THE BUS!

PLEASE, YOU MUSTN'T GO! SOMETHING TERRIBLE'S GOING TO HAPPEN...I KNOW IT! IT...IT WAS IN THE MIRROR...

YOU CRAZY OR SOMETHING? STAY BEHIND IF YOU WANT...BUT WE'RE GOING, SEE?



LESS THAN AN HOUR AFTER THE PARTY HAD LEFT, THE SNOW-PLOW ARRIVED...RESCUING BUS, DRIVER AND ARTHUR! AS FOR THE OTHERS, NOTHING WAS HEARD OF THEM...UNTIL, SEVERAL DAYS AFTERWARD...

THE FATE OF THE MEN WHO LEFT A SNOWBOUND BUS ONLY TO VANISH HAS AT LAST BECOME KNOWN! THEY WERE FOUND BURIED IN SNOW-DRIFTS, EVERY ONE OF THEM FROZEN!

GREAT... HEAVENS!



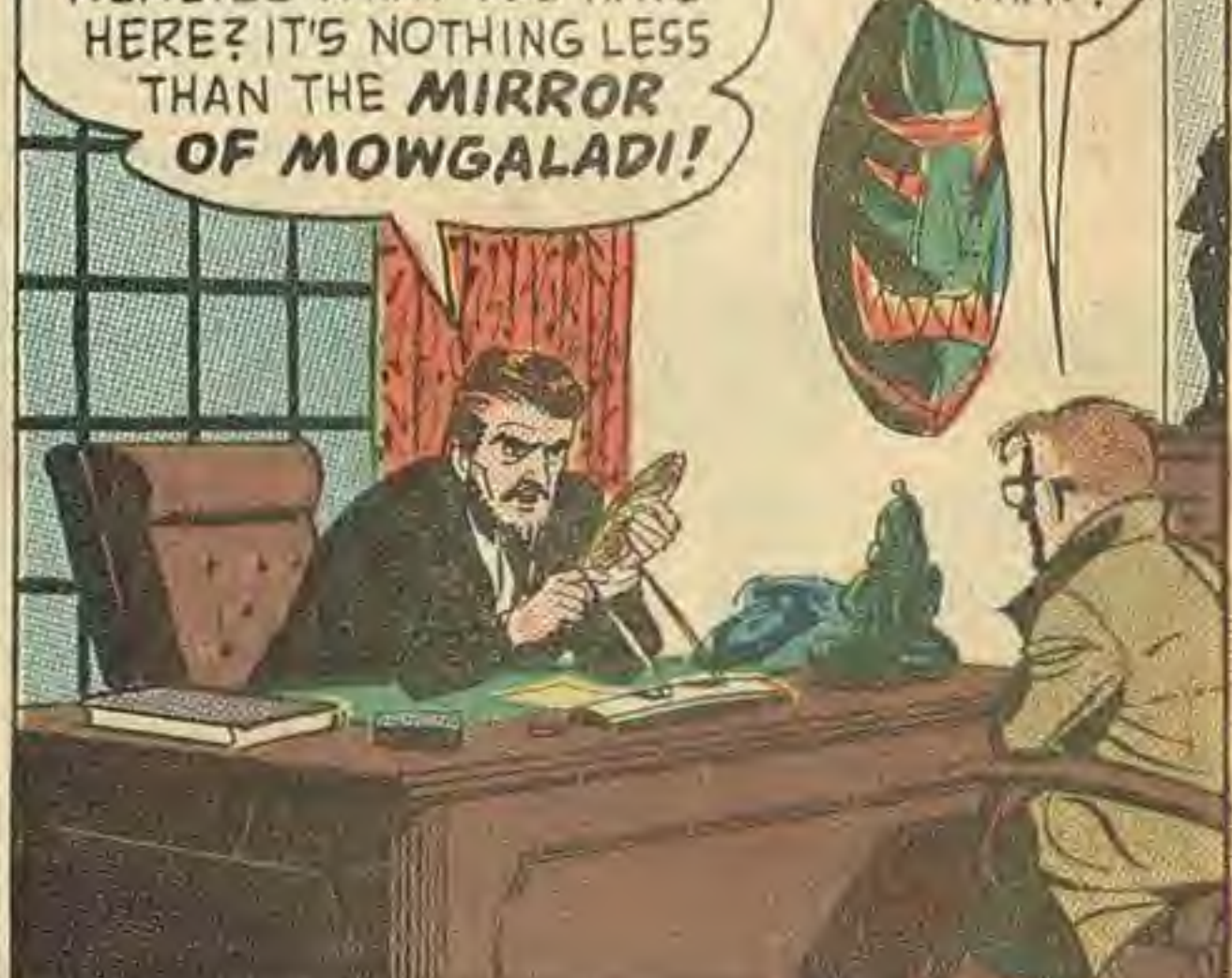
THEN IT WAS...TRUE! THE MIRROR...IT FORE-TOLD WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN...AND BY DOING SO, IT SAVED MY LIFE!



WHAT WAS THE SECRET OF THIS STRANGE OBJECT? HE TOOK IT TO DR. SANDERSON, CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM OF THE OCCULT...

MR. LANSING, THIS IS INCREDIBLE! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU HAVE HERE? IT'S NOTHING LESS THAN THE MIRROR OF MOWGALADI!

WHAT... WHAT'S THAT?



A MAGICAL MIRROR...MADE BY MOWGALADI, AN OLD ITALIAN METAPHYSICIAN, IN THE YEAR 1439! ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE POWER OF REVEALING TO ITS POSSESSOR THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME! AND BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS REVELATION, WHOEVER OWNED IT MIGHT CHANGE HIS OWN DESTINY!



THAT'S...THE WAY IT HAPPENED TO ME! THE MIRROR WARNED OF THE RESULT OF THAT EXPEDITION THROUGH THE SNOW, OTHERWISE I WOULD HAVE BEEN ON IT! I CHANGED MY DESTINY BY NOT GOING... AND LIVED...



THAT SPEAKS WELL FOR YOU! ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, THE MIRROR ONLY MAKES ITS REVELATIONS TO THOSE WHO ARE PURE IN HEART!



FROM THEN ON, THE OLD MIRROR FASCINATED ARTHUR, AND FREQUENTLY, HE CARRIED IT WITH HIM! BUT ALWAYS, IT REMAINED DIM, SHOWING NOTHING...UNTIL THAT DAY, IN AN OUTDOOR CAFETERIA IN CENTRAL PARK...



HE GAZED INTO IT...AND SUDDENLY, THE MISTS PARTED! ONCE AGAIN, IT WAS DISCLOSING SOMETHING TO HIS EYES... SOMETHING FRIGHTENING...



NOW THE GLASS WAS REFLECTING ACTION, TENSE AND GRIPPING...



BY NOW HE BELIEVED THE MIRROR IMPLICITLY--SO HE LEAPED TO HIS FEET IN PANIC...



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AND THERE, FRAMED IN THE UNDERGROWTH... EXACTLY AS HE'D SEEN IT IN THE MIRROR...



HOLY-SMOKE, IT...IT IS A LION!

ARRRR...

AND JUST AS THE MIRROR HAD REVEALED...IT SPRANG TO THE ATTACK...



RRROWWW!



BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM!



IT...IT MUST HAVE JUST ESCAPED FROM THE MENAGERIE ---LUCKY WE GOT IT BEFORE IT COULD DO ANY DAMAGE! BUT WHAT GETS ME IS, HOW DID THAT GUY KNOW?

HEY...WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?HE'S GONE!

ARTHUR HAD BEAT A HASTY RETREAT, KNOWING THAT IT WOULD DO NO GOOD TO TRY TO EXPLAIN THE MAGICAL POWERS OF THE **MIRROR OF MOWGALADI**! SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

I'VE GOT A LOT TO BE GRATEFUL FOR...IT'S SAVED ME FROM CALAMITY **TWICE**! BUT WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL IF IT COULD ONLY DO SOMETHING TO...IMPROVE MY LOT IN LIFE?



SUDDENLY, ALMOST AS IF IT HAD HEARD, THE CLOUDED MIRROR CLEARED ONCE MORE! A REFLECTION WAS TAKING SHAPE WITHIN IT ---A STRANGE PICTURE---



FOR THE LIFE OF HIM, ARTHUR COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHY THIS HAD BEEN SHOWN TO HIM! WHO **WAS** THIS MAN? THE NEXT MORNING'S NEWSPAPER PROVIDED THE SOLUTION...

SAY... THAT'S THE VERY MAN I SAW IN THE MIRROR LAST NIGHT!

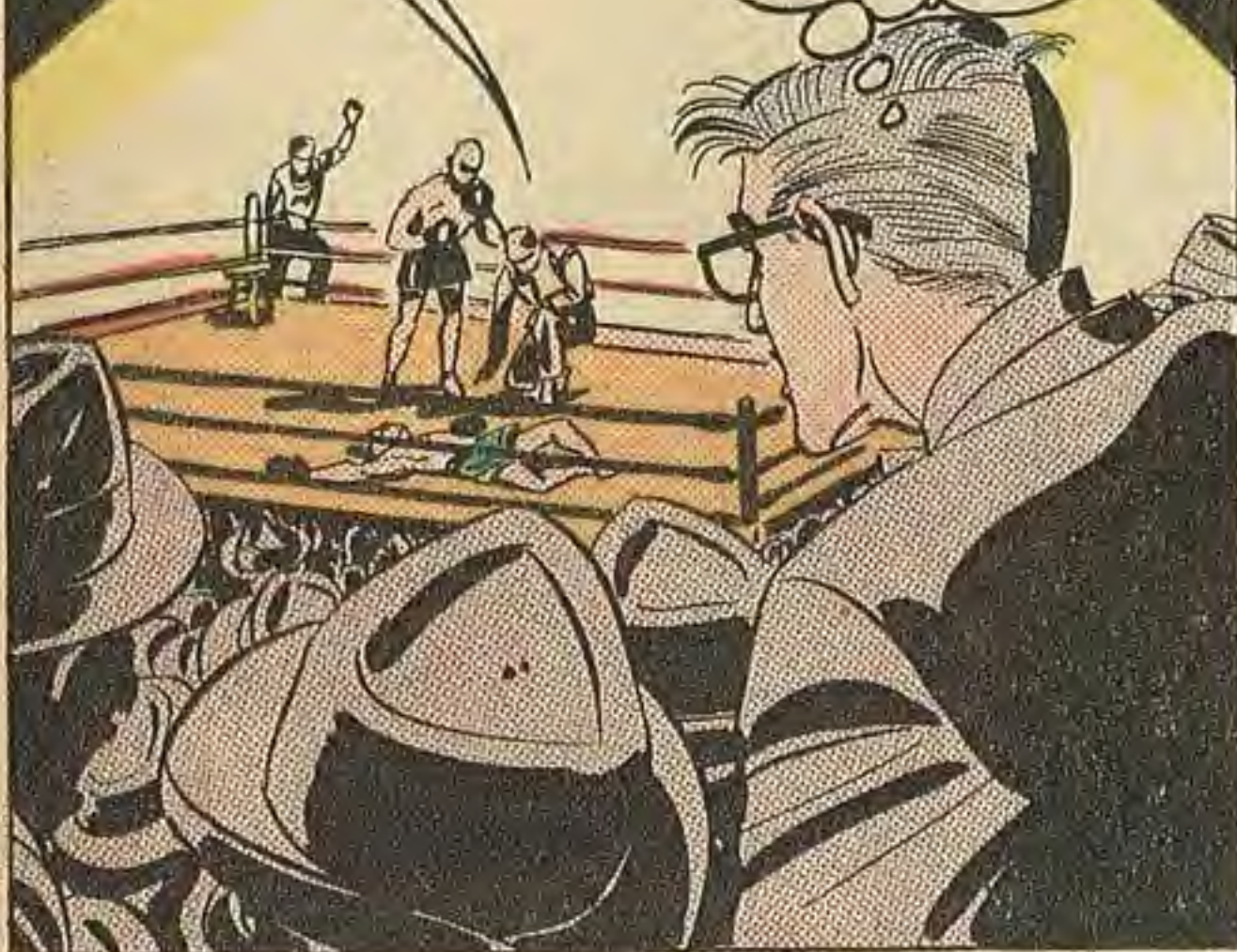




IT SEEMED LIKE THE END OF THE LINE FOR THE CHALLENGER...

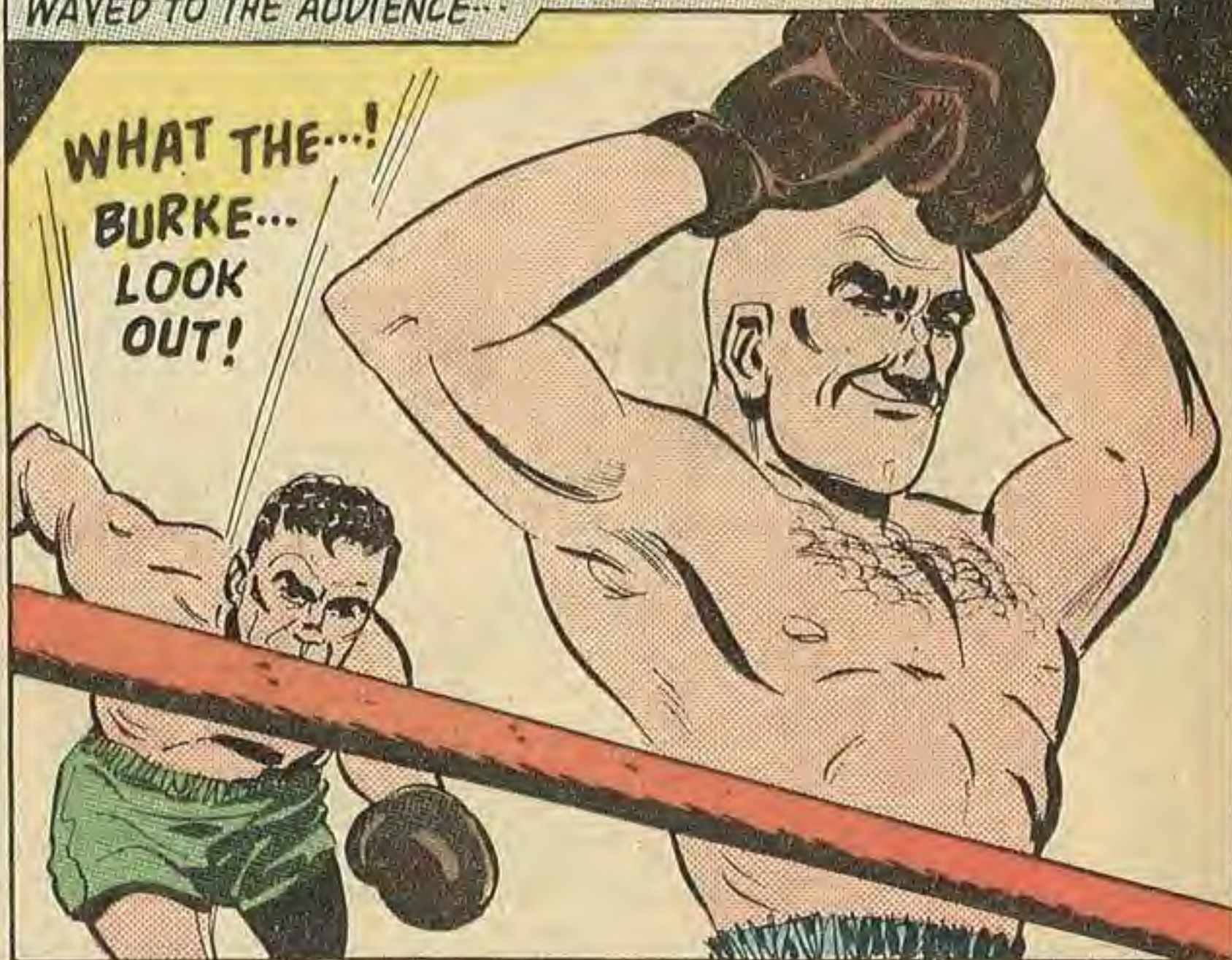
...7... 8
... 9...

OH, NO... NO!
IT'S TURNING OUT
JUST THE OPPOSITE
...I... I'M GOING
TO LOSE ALL
MY MONEY...



BUT THE FATAL "10" WAS NEVER TOLLED! AT THE COUNT OF 9, JONES WAS UP AS IF PROPELLED BY SPRINGS! LIKE A CYCLONE, HE WAS RUSHING ACROSS THE RING... AS BURKE, UNAWARE, WAVED TO THE AUDIENCE...

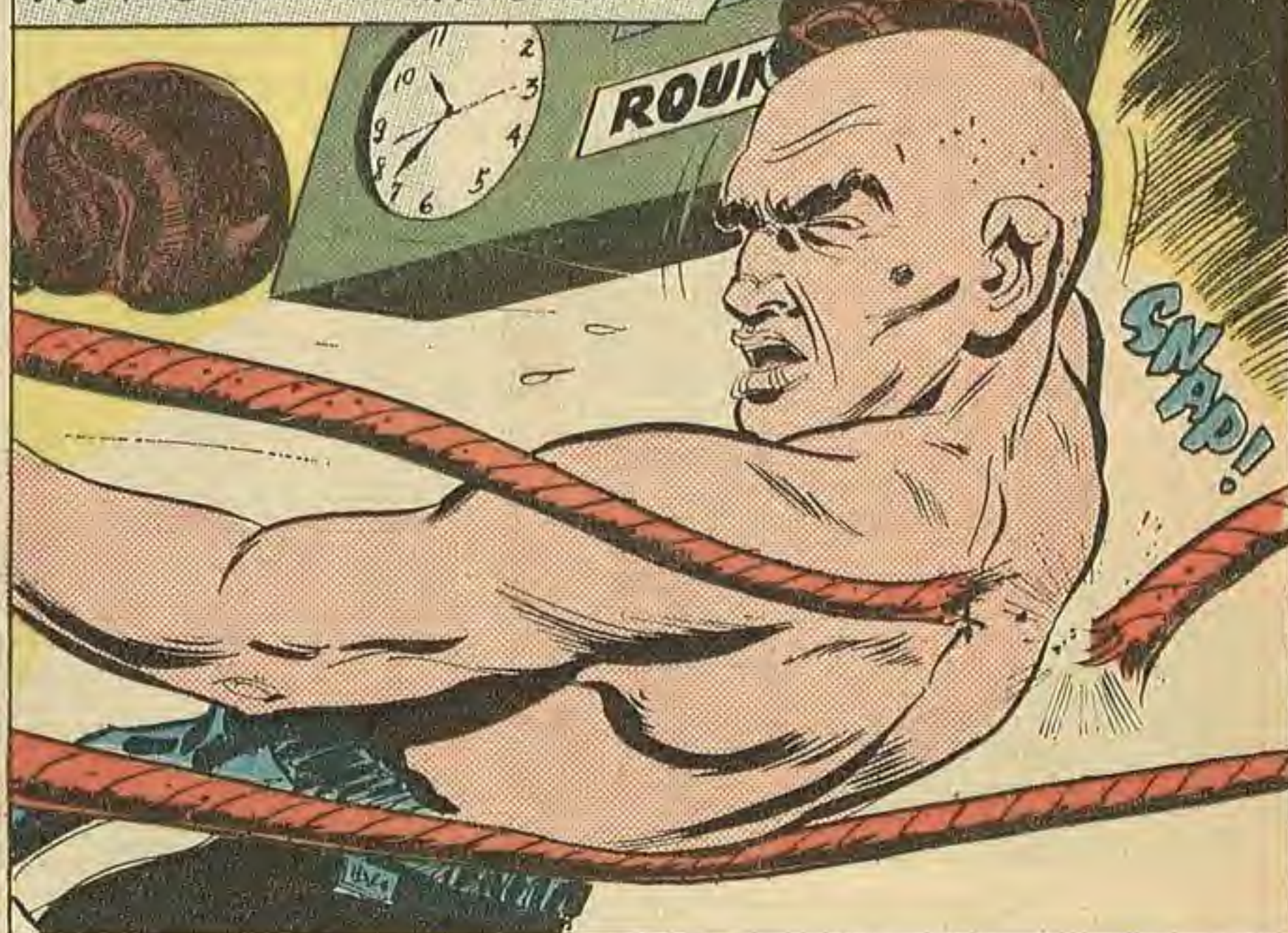
WHAT THE...!
BURKE...
LOOK
OUT!



TOO LATE! STARTLED, THE CHAMPION TURNED... BUT HE NEVER EVEN SAW THE TREMENDOUS BLOW THAT LANDED SQUARELY!



IT PROPELLED HIM BACK ACROSS THE RING... EXACTLY AS THE MIRROR HAD SHOWN!



AND AS FOR ARTHUR...

\$62,350!!
I WON IT ALL
... I'M
RICH!



HE HAD TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS TO **SOMEONE!** SO NEXT MORNING, HE CALLED DR. SANDERSON, AT THE MUSEUM OF THE OCCULT...

THAT'S RIGHT, DOCTOR! I'M THE LUCKIEST MAN IN THE WORLD, AND ALL ON ACCOUNT OF THAT OLD MIRROR I GOT FROM MY UNCLE! HA-HA... IF HE ONLY KNEW THAT IT HAD **MAGIC POWERS!**



DON'T WORRY, I'M TAKING GOOD CARE OF IT! I KEEP IT LOCKED UP IN MY ROOM NOW... AND EVERY NIGHT WHEN I GET HOME, I TAKE IT OUT AND STARE AT IT...

IN HIS
ROOM,
EH?
HMMM...



AND SO, THAT NIGHT, ARTHUR RECEIVED AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR...

LUCKY I CAME IN WHILE YOU HAD THE MIRROR OUT! GIVE IT HERE... I DEMAND THAT YOU RETURN MY PROPERTY!

YOUR PROPERTY! WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU... YOU GAVE IT TO ME!



YOU'RE LYING... YOU KNOW VERY WELL YOU **STOLE** THAT MIRROR FROM ME! I CAN PROVE THAT IT WAS PART OF A CONSIGNMENT OF ANTIQUES I BOUGHT... AND I SAY I **NEVER GAVE IT TO YOU!** SO UNLESS YOU CAN PRODUCE A BILL OF SALE, I'LL HAVE YOU **THROWN IN JAIL**... IF YOU DON'T **RETURN IT**, THAT IS!



ARTHUR HAD ALWAYS BEEN TIMID, ALWAYS BEEN UNDER HIS UNCLE'S INFLUENCE! SO... RELUCTANTLY...

PLEASE... DON'T GET ME INTO TROUBLE! YOU... YOU CAN HAVE THE MIRROR...

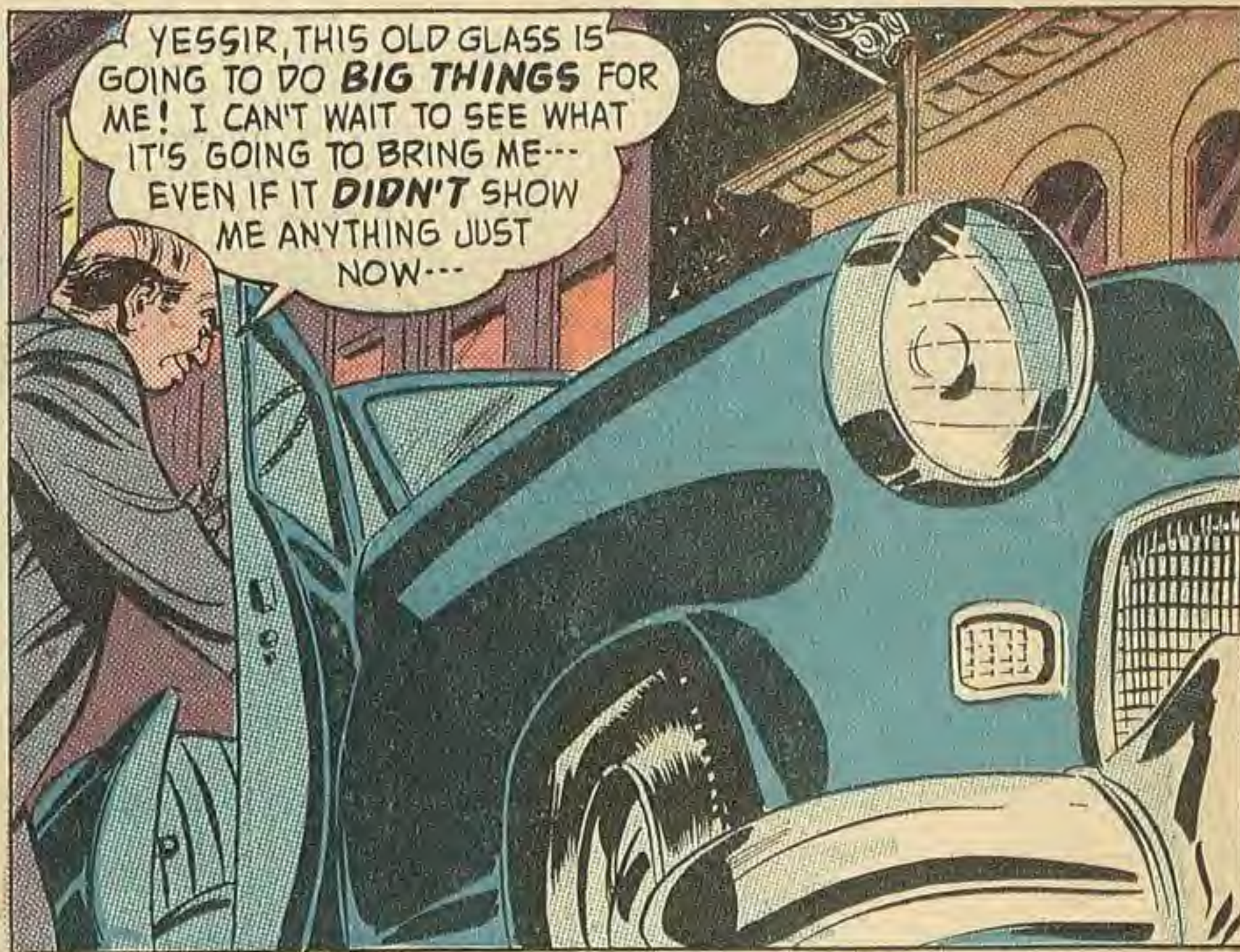
NOW YOU'RE BEING **SMART!**... HMMM... FUNNY... I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING IN IT! MAYBE SOME OTHER TIME, THOUGH...



WHAT A COWARD I AM... WHAT A MISERABLE COWARD...



YESSIR, THIS OLD GLASS IS GOING TO DO **BIG THINGS** FOR ME! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT IT'S GOING TO BRING ME... EVEN IF IT **DIDN'T** SHOW ME ANYTHING JUST NOW...

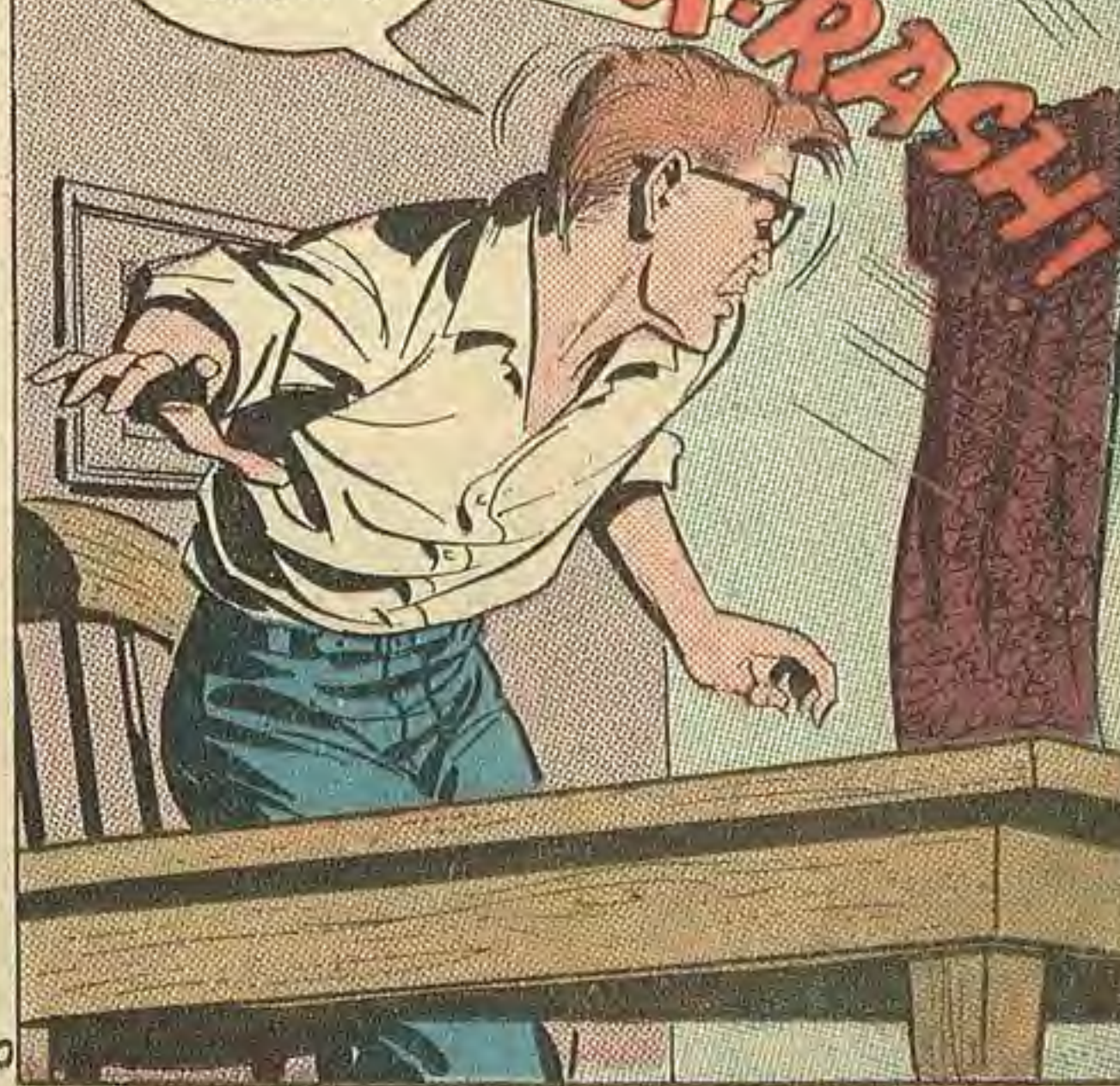


HIS MIND ABSTRACTED BY GLOWING THOUGHTS OF THE FUTURE, HE STARTED HIS CAR LURCHINGLY! TOO LATE HE SAW...



WHAT... WHAT WAS THAT?

CR-RASH!



RUSHING DOWN, HE FOUND...

AN AMBULANCE WAS PASSIN'---NOT THAT IT DID MUCH GOOD, THOUGH! THE GUY WAS KILLED INSTANTLY!

GOOD HEAVENS, THAT'S UNCLE HENRY'S CAR! THEN IT'S **HE** WHO...

FUNNY THING, BUT I KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT OLD SKINFLINT---MY BROTHER-IN-LAW WAS HIS LAWYER! HE TOLD ME THAT OLD LANSING WAS TOO MEAN TO EVEN LEAVE A WILL---HE COULDN'T STAND THE IDEA OF ANYONE INHERITING HIS FORTUNE!

DIDN'T DO HIM MUCH GOOD! THE LAW SAYS THAT IF THERE'S NO WILL, EVERYTHING GOES TO HIS NEXT OF KIN---WHOEVER **THAT** IS!

HOLY SMOKE! THAT--- THAT'S **ME!** I NOT ONLY WON THAT \$62,350--- **BUT I GET EVERYTHING UNCLE HENRY HAD!** AND---AND ALL OF IT CAN BE TRACED TO THE **MIRROR OF MOWGALADI!**

NEAR THE WRECKAGE OF THE CAR, SOMETHING CAUGHT HIS EYE! IT WAS THE REMNANTS OF THE OLD MIRROR, NOW A COMPLETE WRECK---

NEXT TO IT LAY THE SHIVERED GLASS! HE FELT THAT HE HAD TO PICK IT UP, SINCE IT HAD MEANT SO MUCH TO HIM---

BACK IN HIS ROOM, HE PIECED TOGETHER THE FRAGMENTS OF THE MIRROR! TO HIS AMAZEMENT, THEY REVEALED A FATEFUL PICTURE---

THE MIRROR---IT---IT FORETOLD WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO UNCLE HENRY! BUT HE LOOKED INTO IT BEFORE HE LEFT THIS ROOM AND WENT DOWN TO HIS DEATH---AND HE DIDN'T SEE A THING!

WHAT WAS IT THAT DR. SANDERSON HAD SAID ABOUT THE MAGICAL MIRROR, BACK AT THE MUSEUM OF THE OCCULT? OH, YES ---IT WAS THIS---

ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, THE MIRROR ONLY MAKES ITS REVELATIONS TO **THOSE WHO ARE PURE IN HEART!**

... WHICH IS WHY ARTHUR LANSING GAINED WEALTH AND HAPPINESS---WHILE HIS UNCLE MET THE TRAGIC ENDING HE COULDN'T FORESTALL!

The
END!

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Mr. Ned Mason, Vice President
Mason Shoe Mfg. Co., Dept. A98
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

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Address.....

Town.....State.....

SUPERSTITIOUS NOTES

FOLKLORE AND SUPERSTITION HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED IN ALL OF MAN'S ACTIVITIES DOWN THROUGH THE AGES! MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS HAVE PLAYED A FASCINATING PART IN THIS HISTORY...

FOR EXAMPLE, IN ANCIENT SPARTA, THE MUSIC OF THE OBOE WAS SUPPOSEDLY CAPABLE OF LURING CRABS FROM THEIR HOLES...



AND IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE, THE VIOLIN WAS CALLED "THE DEVIL'S INSTRUMENT"! SO LONG AS HE FIDDLER, ALL WHO HEARD THE MUSIC WERE FORCED TO DANCE UNTIL HE STOPPED PLAYING... THAT WAS THE SUPERSTITION...



IN SOUTH AMERICA, THE AYMARA INDIANS OF PERU BLEW A SACRED COW'S HORN WHEN HAIL STORMS THREATENED THEIR CROPS! THEY BELIEVED THAT THE SHRILL BLAST OF THE HORN WOULD DRIVE THE HAIL AWAY...



STRANGER STILL, IN ANCIENT GREECE, IT WAS COMMON BELIEF THAT A FLUTE PLAYED WHILE ONE SLEPT WOULD CURL STRAIGHT HAIR...



AMONGST THE ANCIENT AZTECS, DRUMS WERE OFTEN CARVED IN THE SHAPE OF WILD ANIMALS! IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE STRENGTH OF THESE WILD CREATURES, THROUGH THE BEATING OF THE DRUMS, WOULD BE IMPARTED TO THE PLAYERS...



EVEN TO THIS DAY, MUSICAL SUPERSTITIONS STILL PERSIST! AND IN MANY A BURMESE VILLAGE, WHENEVER A CHOLERA EPIDEMIC STRIKES, THE DRUMS ARE POUNDED IN THE HOPE OF DRIVING THE EVIL OFF...



From **YOUR EDITOR-** to **YOU!**

We've had just about the heaviest month's mailings in the history of "Forbidden Worlds". Letters have thronged in. Most of them have liked this magazine of ours—some have been severely critical. We welcome both types. But we're still waiting to hear from you. Send your letter to The Editor, "Forbidden Worlds", 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. And now, let's all share in this month's bouquets and brickbats, culled from recent mailings!

"Dear Editor:—

I always know there's plenty of interesting reading when I buy a copy of 'Forbidden Worlds'. I always enjoy it. No matter what sort of stories are printed, you have wonderful writers and I compliment them—and you. I also enjoy your long stories best. I'll be waiting impatiently for your next issue!

—Mrs. B. L., Branson, Mo."

Thanks, Mrs. B. L.—we're happy that you enjoy our fare. We handpick our writers and bring them along carefully, nourishing their imaginations to produce the very best. About long stories—they're really the tops, of course. There's no substitute for length when it comes to packing in suspenseful plot, thrilling action and good characterization!

"Dear Editor:—

'Forbidden Worlds' is one of my favorite comics magazines, but one thing is wrong with it. In recent issues, some of your stories have had incomplete endings. 'The Circular Trap' was a good example. How about doing something about that? Otherwise, your magazine is great!

—Jerry Clark, Canby, Minn."

Incomplete endings? Jerry, what you refer to is a favorite dramatic trick used frequently in the amazing type mystery story. It's often employed in movies and television, also. You wind up with a situation which must go on and on, repeating itself, and there's no escape. We do this only once in a while—what do you other readers think of it?

"Dear Editor:—

I would like to know if 'Disaster In Tibet', a story carried in a recent issue of 'Forbidden Worlds', is true. Our class is studying the far East, and I'd like more information on this story.

—Benny S. Perez, Decoto, Calif."

It's a tribute to the dramatic power of the writer of that yarn that he should have posed it in such living, urgent terms that many people got the idea that it was fact. It was pure fiction—but it sure was exciting!

"Dear Editor:—

Thank you so much for the wonderful magazine you put out! I've never read anything like it. Your comics are exciting and different, yet very down to earth. After reading them, I realize how true some of them could be. After all, in this miracle age, anything is liable to happen! I especially enjoyed 'Rocket Pilot Robbins Reporting'. Please try to have more stories with pretty girls in them. I want to see how I can improve!

—Ellie Cadugan, Pittsburgh, Pa."

We not only strive to keep abreast of the times, but to shoot ahead on occasion, Ellie! And we'll see what we can do about the pretty girls!

"Dear Editor:—

I've been reading 'Forbidden Worlds' for a long time now, and think it's getting rather boring. You keep on running the same thing, like space travel stories. However, I did enjoy one story in your March issue a lot—'The Ivory Curse'. A lot of my friends went for it, too, because it concerned the Supernatural, which we find very interesting. We don't find enough of this type in your magazine, and we feel that you'd be much more popular if you went in for it heavily. The same goes for your other magazine, 'Adventures Into The Unknown'.

—John DeSena, West New York, N. J."

Well, John! We're happy that most of our readership doesn't quite go along with you! They've reacted very favorably to our magazine including one science fiction story in every issue. Not only is science fiction based on truth and the actual events of today's world, but it packs a real punch! In response to this policy, our circulation has shot up sharply. Remember, please, that we still go in heavily for tales of the supernatural and shall continue to do so!

"Dear Editor:—

I enjoy 'Forbidden Worlds' very much. In the June issue, the story I liked most was 'The Subhuman Giants'. I've read that there are such things as Abominable Snowmen. I wonder if they really exist!

—Marlene Chandler, Omaha, Neb."

"The Subhuman Giants" was based on fact—news articles reaching us from the Canadian

interior and containing eyewitness accounts. As far as Abominable Snowmen are concerned, many people swear to their existence.

"Dear Editor:—

I first became interested in 'Forbidden Worlds' after reading the June, 1957 issue. Specifically, 'Immortal Diana' was the story that sold me. Since then, I've been getting your magazine regularly. And here are my opinions. (1) I've noticed that your outside covers are usually more interesting and well-done than your inside art work. (2) Your stories are super, great, wonderful—you say it, and if it means good, that's what they are. (Most of the time—once in a while, you flub.) (3) I like the idea of having two pages for letters to the editor. It's nice to see what other people say and see how much they agree or disagree with you. (4) Of the stories I've read, 'Immortal Diana', 'My Strange Godfather', 'Behind The Picture Window', 'Smoke Rings' and 'New Moon Tonight' were best. Conversely, 'Taps For A Trumpeteer' and 'The Prodigy' were the worst. (5) Just one more thing—wouldn't it be better to put stories like 'The Disguise' (In No. 87 of 'Adventures Into The Unknown') into 'Forbidden Worlds', which sounds so—well—outer spacey! (By the way—'The Disguise' and 'The Magic Throne' were great in 'Adventures Into The Unknown'.) That's all—your mag, while making perfectly human mistakes, is still heavenly great.

—Anne Zeek, Kearny, N. J."

We can't comment at any great length on opinions so well and intelligently put as Anne's. On the cover situation, we naturally go all out and try to lead with our best foot. Covers are done by our regular artists, spending five times as much time on them.

"Dear Editor:—

Your No. 65 issue of 'Forbidden Worlds' was a bore. I didn't like the story 'There's A New Moon Tonight'. It wasn't a bit scary. And 'No Place To Hide' was too realistic. Also, you said, and I quote from 'Return Of A Hero': 'Authorities on the Supernatural are waiting to study this report'. If this was really true, how come the newspapers didn't publish it, and a comic book did? I liked all your comics except this one.

Jean Salersky, New York, N. Y."

Shame on you, Jean! "New Moon" registered an all-time high in favorable reader mention. We got more letters raving on it than any feature which we ever carried in our history. What do we have to do to interest you, anyway? About "Return Of A Hero"—that one was fiction through and through, and the more exciting for it, too. You mustn't take every word of a story to be literal truth!

"Dear Editor:—

I enjoy your stories very much. Can you please explain the difference between 'Forbidden Worlds' and 'Adventures Into The Unknown', your two fine books? In your May issue, you had a fine story about two reporters

It would be nice if you could have more stories regarding this team.

—Saul Dachs, Brooklyn, N. Y."

Both of our magazines are dedicated to the presentation of amazing mysteries. They deal with the unknown, the forbidden—all the way from the occult and supernatural to the challenge of fascinating science fiction.

"Dear Editor:—

After reading your No. 68 July issue, I think that you mustn't have been very wide awake when you published it. 'The Circular Trap' was good and so was 'The Human Touch', but whoever wrote 'Rocket To Nowhere' must have goofed. You showed a storm in outer space, which is okay, but with lightning? There isn't any atmosphere for it. Then, on the next page, you had the pilot on the outside of the ship, which was at that time in space, without a space suit. If you improve on that point you are sure to get a subscription from me.

—Dennis Nolan, Milwaukee, Wis."

We hang our head in shame, Dennis. This slipped past your editor, who will now go to the foot of the class—and promise to try to do better by readers who know their science fiction!

"Dear Editor:—

Boy, did you guys ever goof! In 'Rocket To Nowhere', you show Mike Lawrence repairing the rocket tubes of his ship in outer space without a space suit! Any third grader would know that this would be impossible. Otherwise, the rest of 'Forbidden Worlds' was really good. I especially liked 'The Circular Trap'.

—Phillip Musser, Angola, Ind."

Now, this is what we call rubbing it in! Everybody's giving us our lumps! We can't defend ourselves against Phillip anymore than we did against Dennis, in the preceding letter. All we can say, defiantly, is that it was a good story anyway!

"Dear Editor:—

I am an American living on an Air Force Base in Goose Bay, Labrador. 'Forbidden Worlds' is sold at our P.X. It is the type of comic any type of person should enjoy, loaded with thrills from beginning to end. The only thing wrong with reading this fine magazine is that it's over with too soon. I enjoy stories where people are given a 'second chance'. 'The Enigma of Edith' in the October, '57 issue, was tops.

—Carol Charbonneau, Labrador, Canada"

You'll find "Forbidden Worlds" on sale in practically every quarter of the globe. It's nice to get letters from far-away places, and learn that our magazine is a best-seller in so many spots. But we're not resting on our laurels. We'll keep on doing our best!

WE ARE USED TO AN ENDLESS CHAIN OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES! WE THINK OF THE PLAGUES AND EPIDEMICS OF THE DARK AGES AS THINGS OF THE PAST, FORGETTING HOW HELPLESS EVEN OUR CIVILIZATION WOULD BE IN THE FACE OF A COMPLETELY NEW KIND OF THREAT! SUCH WAS THE SITUATION POSED BY...

The ALIEN GERMS!



GENTLEMEN, THE DISASTER FACING US TAKES PRIORITY OVER EVERYTHING! UNLESS A SOLUTION IS FOUND AT ONCE... HUMANITY MAY BE DOOMED!

THE FOCAL POINT OF INFECTION WAS A LONELY UTAH FARMHOUSE...

WILL HE BE ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR? I HATED CALLING YOU AT THIS HOUR OF THE NIGHT!

HIS TEMPERATURE'S 102 DEGREES, MRS. SAMSON! I'LL LEAVE SOME PILLS AND CALL AGAIN IN THE MORNING!



DR. HOWARD STONE WAS USED TO EMERGENCY CALLS! WHAT BOTHERED HIM WERE THE MEAGRE MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA...

THE FELLOW OUGHT TO BE IN A HOSPITAL... BUT THE NEAREST ONE'S OVER 300 MILES AWAY! AND I'M THE ONLY DOCTOR IN THESE PARTS!



HE WAS TIRED, BUT NOW THERE WAS WORK TO DO---

MY GUESS IS THAT SAMSON'S GOT PNEUMONIA! I'LL ANALYZE THE SWAB I TOOK TO MAKE SURE---



LIKE MOST GENERAL PRACTITIONERS, HE KNEW A LITTLE ABOUT EVERYTHING! BUT THIS SLIDE FRANKLY BAFFLED HIM---

THERE'S THE PNEUMONIA BACILLUS, ALL RIGHT... BUT I CAN'T IDENTIFY THE OTHER MICROBES! I'D BETTER SEND THIS ALONG TO A PATHOLOGIST FOR ABSOLUTE IDENTIFICATION!



HE SENT THE SPECIMEN OFF IMMEDIATELY AND LOOKED IN ON HIS PATIENT FIRST THING IN THE MORNING! THINGS HAD GOTTEN MUCH WORSE---

I TOOK HIS TEMPERATURE JUST BEFORE YOU CAME! IT'S UP TO 106! HE WAS DELIRIOUS MOST OF THE NIGHT--MUMBLING CRAZY THINGS!

HIS HEART IS BEATING LIKE A TRIPHAMMER! I JUST DON'T RECOGNIZE THESE SYMPTOMS AT ALL!



HE DID WHAT HE COULD, THEN WENT HOME TO PORE OVER MEDICAL BOOKS---

CAN'T FIND A THING WHICH REMOTELY RESEMBLES THIS DISEASE! I'D BETTER CALL IN A SPECIALIST AT ONCE!



THE CALL WAS FROM THE STATE PATHOLOGIST! HIS VOICE WAS TENSE WITH AMAZEMENT AND DREAD---

ARE YOU SURE? MAYBE THE U.S. HEALTH SERVICE WOULD KNOW!

I'VE SENT THEM THE SWAB ALREADY! BUT YOU CAN TAKE MY WORD FOR IT--THOSE MICROBES ARE SOMETHING COMPLETELY NEW! THERE'S NO TELLING HOW POTENT THEY ARE!



BY NIGHTFALL TWO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS HAD TAKEN PLACE---FOUR OTHER CASES WERE REPORTED IN THE AREA, AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD FLOWN EXPERTS TO THE SCENE---

THE EXISTENCE OF THOSE MICROBES IS TOP SECRET, DR. STONE---WE DON'T WANT TO PANIC THE COUNTRY!

I'LL TAKE YOU TO SEE THE PATIENT AT ONCE!



DR. SCOTT, ONE OF THE NATION'S DISTINGUISHED PHYSICIANS, WAS UTTERLY BAFFLED---

HIS TEMPERATURE'S 109---HE SHOULD HAVE DIED HOURS AGO!

I'VE LOOKED AT THE FOUR OTHER CASES---THEIR SYMPTOMS ARE IDENTICAL! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?



I'LL HAVE EMERGENCY HEALTH UNITS FLOWN HERE! WE'VE GOT TO LOCALIZE THE GERMS---AT ALL COSTS WE MUST AVOID AN EPIDEMIC!

I DOUBT WHETHER WE CAN DO IT! THOSE GERMS ARE SPREADING---AND FAST!



THE EPIDEMIC SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE! IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL, THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY MEETING---

NO DRUG KNOWN HAS THE SLIGHTEST EFFECT ON THE COURSE OF THE DISEASE! IT'S ALWAYS HIGH TEMPERATURE, DELIRIUM---AND COMPLETE PARALYSIS! I INSIST THAT EVERY RESEARCHER IN THE COUNTRY BE PUT TO WORK ON THIS SINGLE PROBLEM!



THE ISOLATED UTAH COMMUNITY WHERE IT HAD STARTED WAS ALL BUT FORGOTTEN NOW! THE SCHOOL HAD BEEN TURNED INTO AN EMERGENCY HOSPITAL, SCORES OF ABLE-BODIED WOMEN VOLUNTEERED AS NURSES---

THEY'RE ALL MUMBLING CRAZY THINGS, DOCTOR! CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING?

NOTHING! WE'RE SHORT OF EVERYTHING---AS IF DRUGS WOULD DO ANY GOOD ANYHOW! JUST KEEP THEM WARM---



EVERYTHING ABOUT THE DISEASE WAS BAFFLING! WHY HAD IT CAUSED NO DEATHS, WHY WERE SOME PEOPLE SPARED?

A FEW OF US MUST HAVE A NATURAL IMMUNITY! BUT AT THE RATE THIS THING IS GOING---THE WHOLE COUNTRY WILL SOON BE PARALYZED!



BY THE END OF THE WEEK, DESPITE HEROIC EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT, A NATIONAL DISASTER WAS TAKING SHAPE---

OVER 9,000 CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED---FROM SEVEN STATES SURROUNDING UTAH! THE MICROBES HAVE ALREADY REACHED CANADA! I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO WASHINGTON AT ONCE!

I---I WAS ALMOST EXPECTING THIS---



LABORATORIES EVERYWHERE WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK---WITH THE SAME DISHEARTENING RESULTS---

THE MICROBES ARE IMPERVIOUS TO EVERYTHING WE'VE TRIED! MY MEN ARE FALLING OFF THEIR FEET WITH FATIGUE!

KEEP THEM WORKING! THE TOLL IS UP TO 200,000 ALREADY! MEXICO'S BEEN HIT!



EVERY DAY HE WENT TO THE SAMSON FARMHOUSE! IT WAS JUST A HUNCH, BUT AS SAMSON HAD BEEN THE FIRST TO FALL ILL, PERHAPS HE COULD LEARN SOMETHING---

HE HAD A BAD COLD THAT DAY---I TOLD HIM NOT TO GO INTO THE FIELDS! HE KEELED OVER THAT NIGHT!

HIS TEMPERATURE'S NOW ABOVE 111! MEDICAL BOOKS SAY A HUMAN BEING CAN'T LIVE AT THAT HEAT---AND YET HE'S BREATHING!



SUDDENLY SAMSON'S DELIRIOUS RAVINGS GREW MORE COHERENT! A KEY WORD STARTLED THE YOUNG DOCTOR---



SPACEMEN! FOR A SECOND A WILD THOUGHT RICOCHETED AROUND STONE'S BRAIN---



PIECE BY PIECE, THE DOCTOR PUT THE STORY TOGETHER! SAMSON HAD GONE OUT PLOWING DESPITE A BAD COLD---AND HE HEARD A STRANGE SOUND---



HE FLED IN TERROR BEHIND A TREE! THE SAUCER LANDED---



THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE NOTICED THE EARTHLING, EXCEPT THAT---



THEY SURROUNDED HIM SWIFTLY---



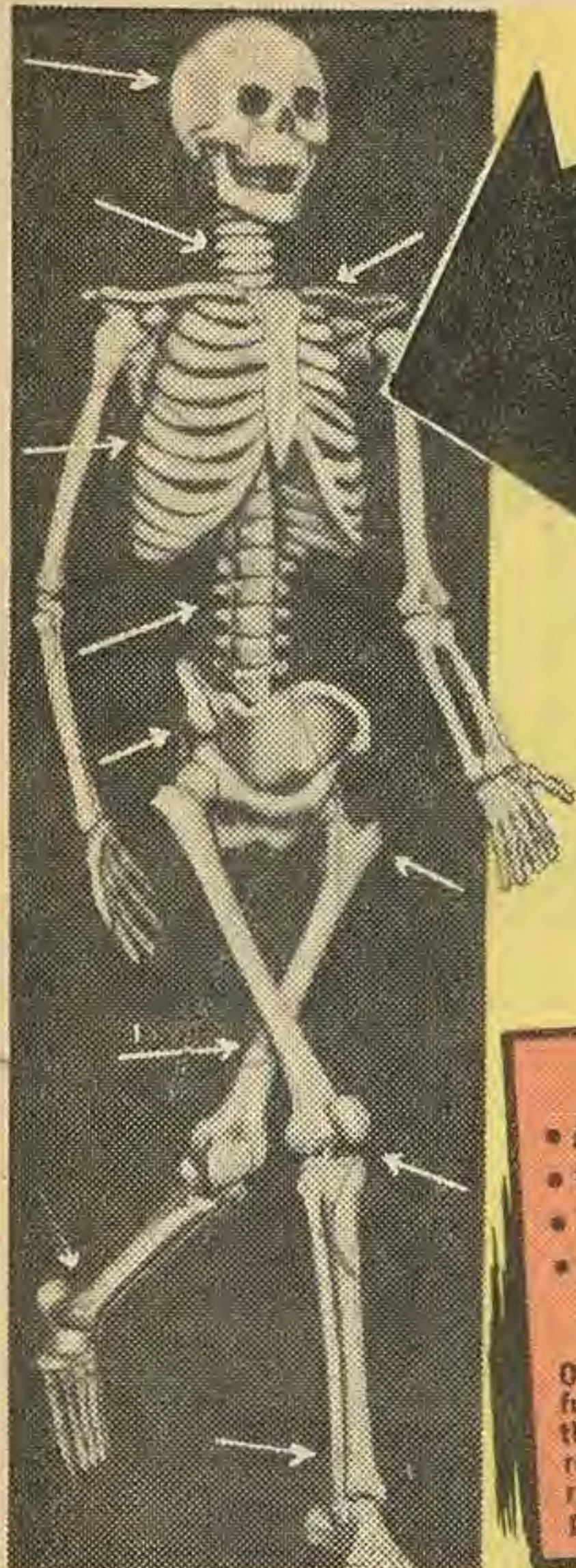
NEVER! THEY'D ONLY CALL HIM A LUNATIC! IMMOBILIZE HIM WITH A GAMMA STREAM LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO MAKE OUR GETAWAY!



HE WAS UNHARMED, BUT FOR SEVERAL MINUTES HE COULD NOT MOVE---



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WHEN REASON RETURNED, THE SAUCER WAS GONE---

M-MAYBE I IMAGINED IT ALL! ANYHOW, I BETTER NOT TELL ANYBODY ABOUT IT! I'D ONLY BE LAUGHED AT!



THE PATIENT'S RAVINGS CEASED--- HE FELL INTO A COMA---

HE ALWAYS LIKED SEEING THOSE SCIENCE FICTION PICTURES, DOCTOR! GUESS THAT'S WHERE HE GOT THESE CRAZY IDEAS!

PERHAPS---AND PERHAPS NOT! IF WHAT HE SAYS IS TRUE---THESE MICROBES HAVE COME FROM ANOTHER PLANET!



UTTERLY EXHAUSTED, HE SLEPT IN THE FARMHOUSE THAT NIGHT---BUT SLEEP WOULD NOT COME---

IT CAN'T BE TRUE---IT'D BE TOO AWFUL! GERMS FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE COULD DESTROY HUMANITY! HOW COULD WE FIGHT IT? THOSE U.S. SCIENTISTS HAVE GOT TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING---SOON!



BUT WASHINGTON WAS EQUALLY HELPLESS! DESPERATE CONFERENCES WERE HELD AROUND THE CLOCK---

WE'RE FACING CHAOS, GENTLEMEN! SOUTH AMERICA, ALASKA AND EASTERN RUSSIA HAVE BEEN HIT! EVERY SCIENTIST IN THE WORLD IS WORKING FULL TIME! BUT NOBODY HAS ANY IDEA---OR ANY HOPE! WE'VE GOT OVER 7 MILLION CASES NOW! INDUSTRY CAN'T GO ON FUNCTIONING!



INTERNATIONAL STRIFE CEASED TO EXIST IN THE FACE OF THE WORLDWIDE CATASTROPHE! IN LONDON, PARIS, MOSCOW, PEIPING---IT WAS THE SAME STORY---

THE SCIENTISTS MUST HAVE EVERYTHING THEY NEED! INFORMATION MUST BE EXCHANGED WITH ALL OTHER COUNTRIES! IF WE DON'T WORK TOGETHER, WE ARE ALL DOOMED!



AT LONG LAST, DR. STONE HAD FALLEN ASLEEP! BUT SHORTLY BEFORE DAWN, HE WAS AWAKENED BY A SHATTERING ROAR, VERY CLOSE BY---

WHAT ON---! GREAT GUNS! IT'S A--- SAUCER! SAMSON WAS TELLING THE TRUTH! AND FOR SOME REASON, THEY'VE COME BACK!

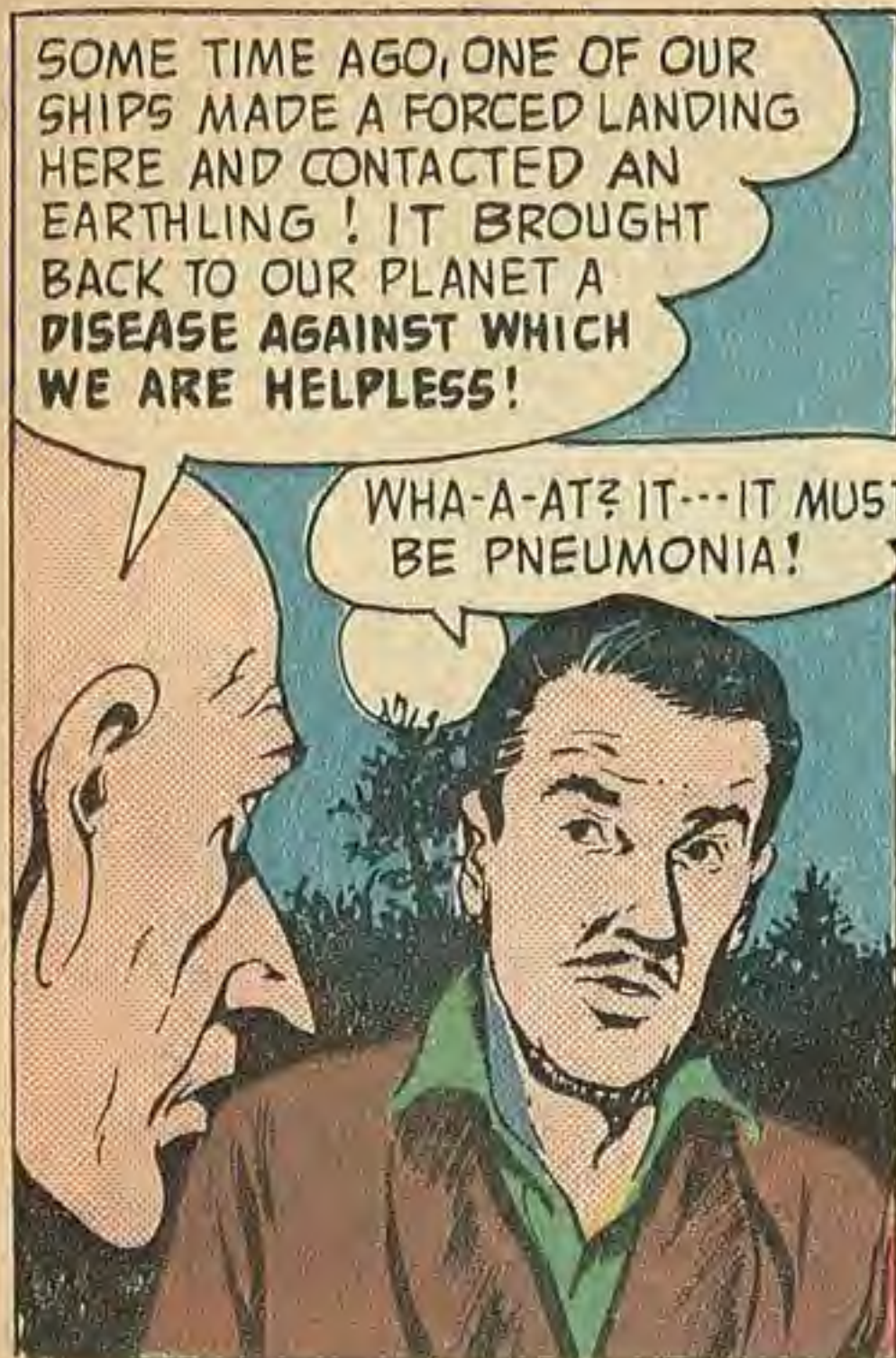


HE THREW ON CLOTHES AND DASHED OUTSIDE! HE KNEW HE MIGHT BE IN GREAT PERSONAL DANGER, BUT MANKIND CAME FIRST---

IF THEY WERE VIOLENT BEINGS, THEY'D HAVE DESTROYED SAMSON AT ONCE! BUT MAYBE---MAYBE THEY'VE COME BACK TO DO JUST THAT!

DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE, EARTHLING! NOTHING WILL PREVENT US FROM FULFILLING OUR MISSION!





SOME TIME AGO, ONE OF OUR SHIPS MADE A FORCED LANDING HERE AND CONTACTED AN EARTHLING! IT BROUGHT BACK TO OUR PLANET A DISEASE AGAINST WHICH WE ARE HELPLESS!

WHA-A-AT? IT...IT MUST BE PNEUMONIA!



WE HAVE NO NAME FOR IT...AND OUR DOCTORS ARE BAFFLED! WE CAME BACK FOR A SERUM...FOR KNOWLEDGE...AND WE'LL GET IT AT ALL COSTS!

YOU SHALL HAVE IT! BUT FIRST COME WITH ME!



MRS. SAMSON ALMOST FAINTED...

GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF! THESE BEINGS ARE PEACEFUL! THEY MAY BE ABLE TO CURE YOUR HUSBAND!

THE MAN IS SUFFERING FROM KYWELLAN FEVER! HE MUST HAVE CONTRACTED IT FROM ONE OF OUR SPACE CREW MEMBERS! COME TO THINK OF IT, ONE OF THEM FELL ILL WITH IT UPON RETURNING!

The ALIENS WENT TO WORK AT ONCE...



IN OUR CIVILIZATION, I AM A LEADING PHYSICIAN! AFTER A DOSE OF THIS, HE WILL BE UP AND ABOUT WITHIN 12 HOURS!

I'LL TELL YOU ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT PNEUMONIA! YOU'LL NEED HUGE QUANTITIES OF PENICILLIN!

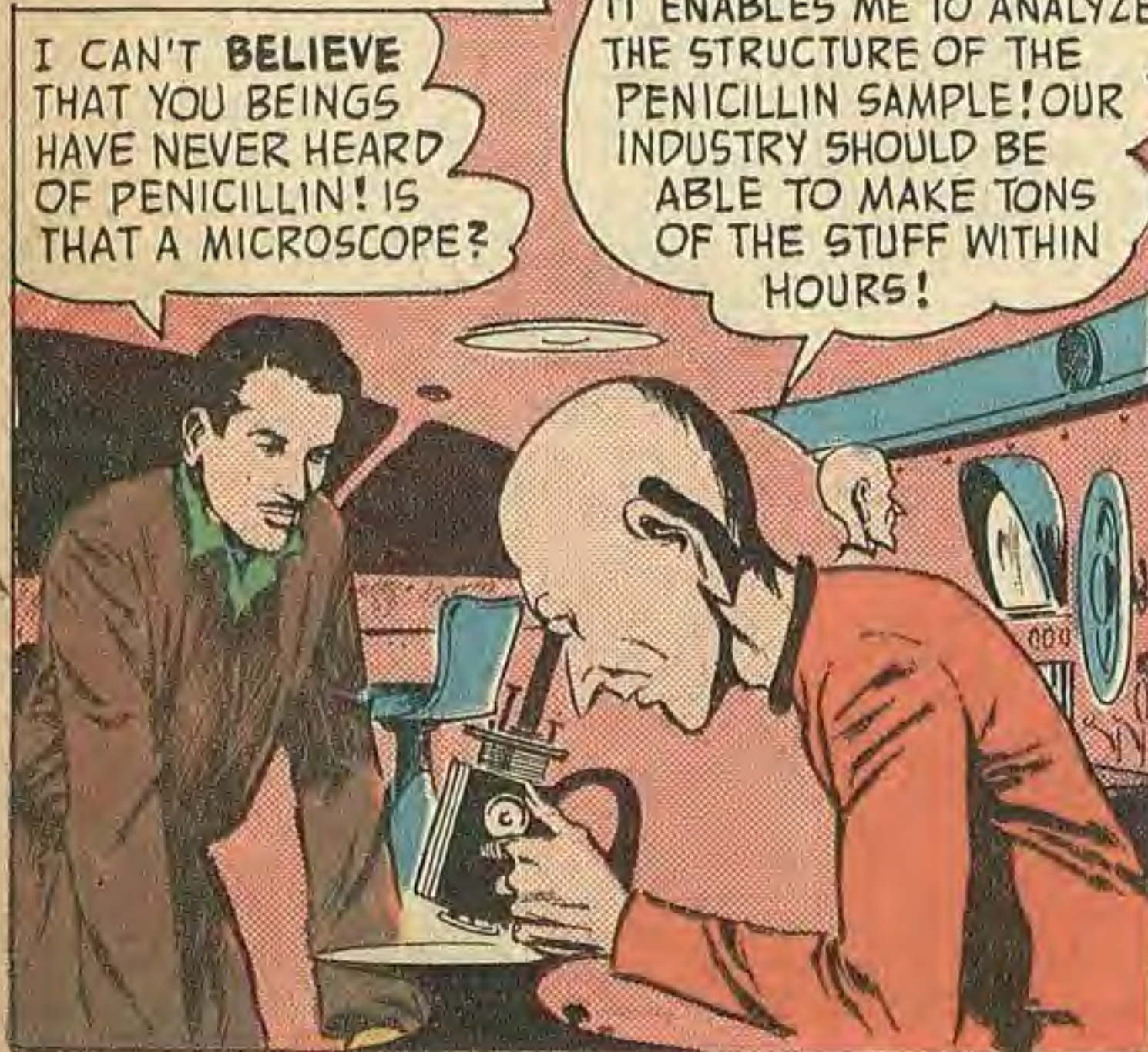


MINUTES LATER...

YOUR HUSBAND IS NOW OUT OF DANGER! SPEAK TO NO ONE OF OUR PRESENCE...REMEMBER! COME WITH US TO THE SPACECRAFT, DOCTOR!

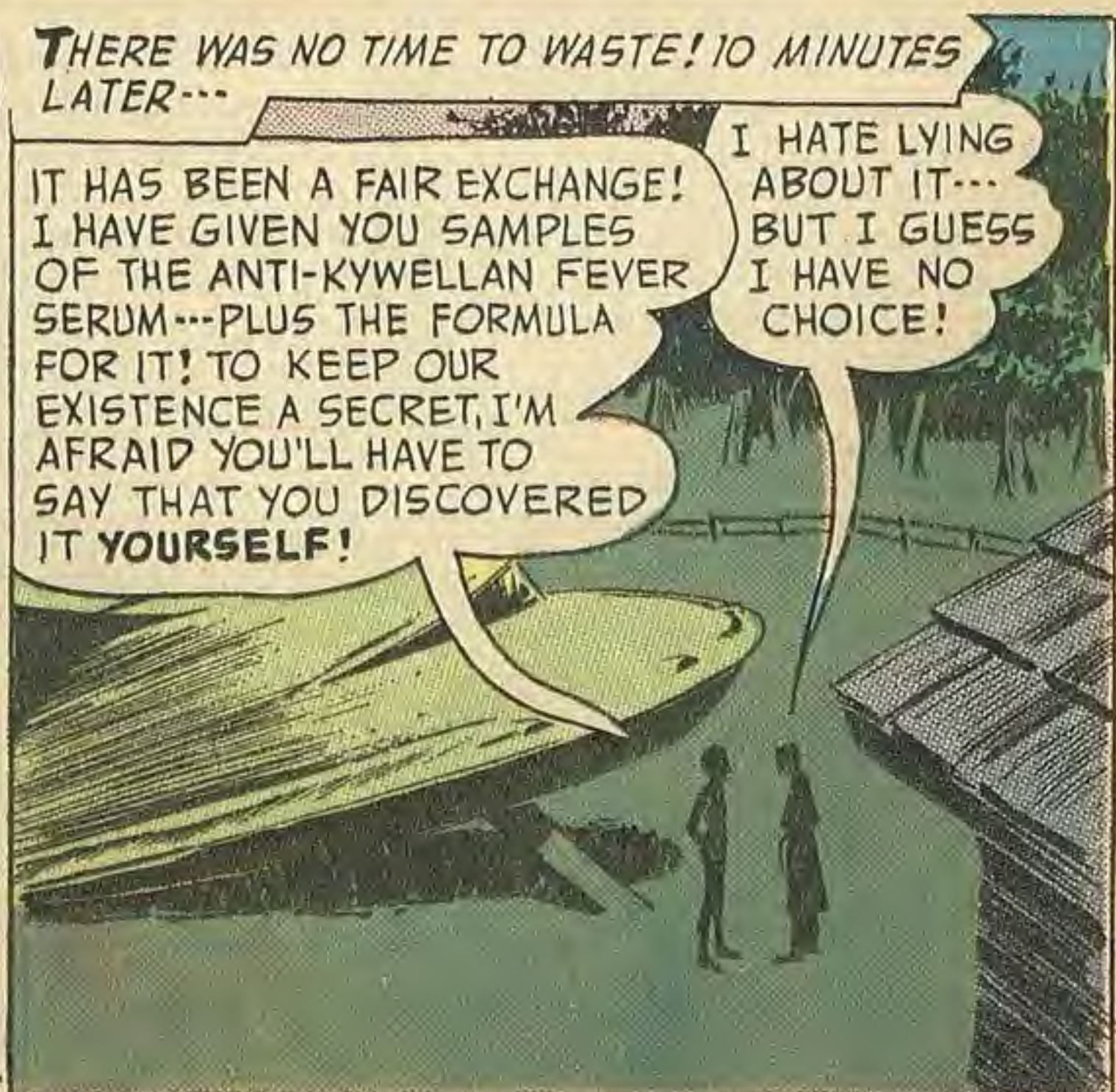
WHATEVER YOU SAY!

WITHIN THE SAUCER...



I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU BEINGS HAVE NEVER HEARD OF PENICILLIN! IS THAT A MICROSCOPE?

A NUCLEAR MICROSCOPE! IT ENABLES ME TO ANALYZE THE STRUCTURE OF THE PENICILLIN SAMPLE! OUR INDUSTRY SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE TONS OF THE STUFF WITHIN HOURS!



THERE WAS NO TIME TO WASTE! 10 MINUTES LATER...

IT HAS BEEN A FAIR EXCHANGE! I HAVE GIVEN YOU SAMPLES OF THE ANTI-KYWELLAN FEVER SERUM...PLUS THE FORMULA FOR IT! TO KEEP OUR EXISTENCE A SECRET, I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO SAY THAT YOU DISCOVERED IT YOURSELF!

I HATE LYING ABOUT IT... BUT I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE!

DR. STONE COULDN'T HELP WATCHING THE SAUCER
DISAPPEAR...

ONLY THREE PEOPLE KNOW THEY
WERE HERE---MYSELF AND THE SAMSONS!
AND NONE OF US WILL EVER TALK! NOW
I'VE GOT TO CALL UP WASHINGTON!



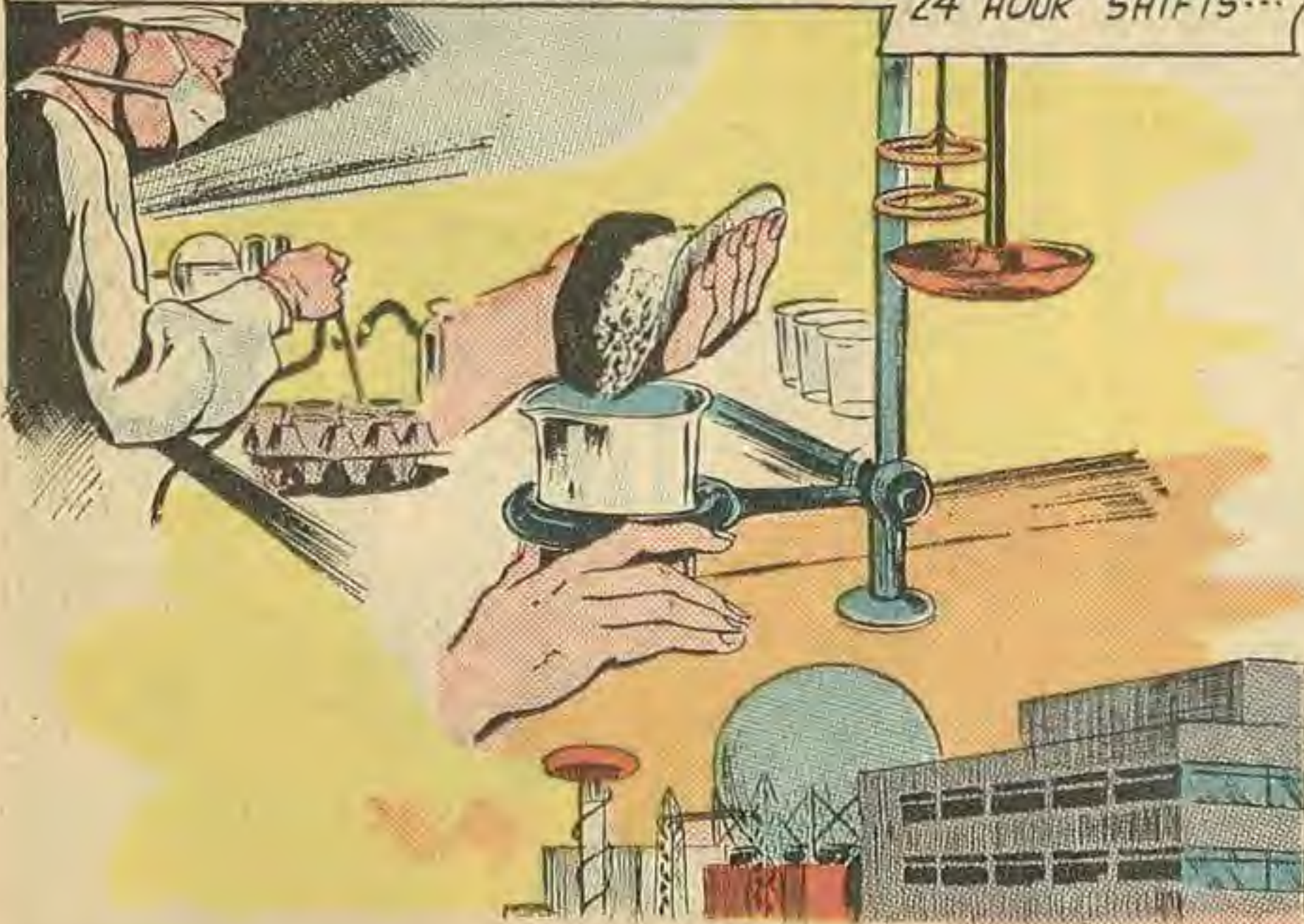
DR. SCOTT'S WIRE IN THE CAPITAL WAS TIED UP, BUT
AT LAST HE GOT THROUGH...

ARE YOU POSITIVE? HOW
COULD YOU HAVE DONE IT
ON YOUR OWN---WHEN
OUR BEST BRAINS HAVE
GOTTEN NOWHERE?

JUST LUCK, LET'S SAY!
IN ANY CASE, I'VE CURED
SAMSON! I'LL GIVE YOU
THE FORMULA OVER THE
PHONE! RADIO IT AROUND
THE WORLD AND GET IT
INTO PRODUCTION
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HOURS AFTER THE FIRST SHOTS WERE
ADMINISTERED...

STONE'S SERUM IS
MIRACULOUS! EVERY
SINGLE ONE OF THE
PATIENTS HAS
RECOVERED!

BOY, I'D SURE
LIKE TO BE IN
STONE'S SHOES
RIGHT NOW!



BEFORE THE WEEK WAS OUT, THE
WORLD-WIDE EPIDEMIC WAS UNDER
CONTROL! DR. STONE WAS CALLED
TO WASHINGTON...

THE WHOLE NATION, THE WHOLE
WORLD IS GRATEFUL! WE'VE
GOTTEN AWARDS AND MEDALS
FOR YOU FROM EVERY CAPITAL
IN THE WORLD! HUGE SUMS OF
MONEY HAVE POURED IN TO
YOUR NAME!

PART OF THE MONEY WENT TO
BUILDING THE HOSPITAL HE HAD
ALWAYS WANTED! THE PEOPLE
IN HIS PART OF UTAH WOULD
HAVE THE BEST MEDICAL
SERVICES AVAILABLE NOW...

GUESS THE ALIENS DID ALL
RIGHT WITH THE PENICILLIN
FORMULA! OTHERWISE
THEY'D HAVE COME
BACK!

NO
DOUBT!

I WON'T TAKE
A PENNY! IT
WILL ALL GO
INTO MEDICAL
RESEARCH!



LISTEN TO ME, SAMSON! I DON'T
WANT TO HEAR YOU TALKING ABOUT
THEM ANY MORE---NOT EVEN TO ME!
I DON'T WANT YOU EVEN TO THINK
ABOUT THEM!

OKAY, DOC---WHAT-
EVER YOU SAY! BUT I CAN'T
SEE THE HARM IN IT!
**WHO'D BELIEVE ME,
ANYWAY?**



THE
END!



The IRON BRAIN!

IT ALL BEGAN ON A MORNING TWO YEARS AGO! MY NAME IS MARTIN CATLIN, CHIEF ELECTRONIC ENGINEER FOR THE HACKLEY ENGINEERING CORPORATION---

OF COURSE, MR. HACKLEY! BE RIGHT OVER!

CAN I SEE YOU IN MY OFFICE, MARTIN... RIGHT AWAY!

IN MR. HACKLEY'S OFFICE, I FOUND A MR. BURROWS WAITING. HE CAME RIGHT TO THE POINT---

MR. HACKLEY TELLS ME YOU'RE THE BEST COMPUTER ENGINEER IN THE BUSINESS! PERHAPS THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD BUILD MY **IRON BRAIN!**

YOUR WHAT?

BEFORE I COULD GET OVER MY SURPRISE, MR. BURROWS HAD UNROLLED A LARGE SHEET OF DRAWING PAPER---

AND HERE IT IS, MR. CATLIN, THE **IRON BRAIN!** AND YOU SHALL DESIGN THE EQUIPMENT TO GIVE IT MOVEMENT, MECHANICAL LIFE...YES, AND EVEN **SPEECH!**



MR. BURROWS WANTS TO EXHIBIT IT AT THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR NEXT YEAR! HOW ABOUT IT, MARTIN, WILL YOU TAKE IT ON?

THAT'S A LOT OF MACHINE, MR. HACKLEY! BUT I'LL TRY!

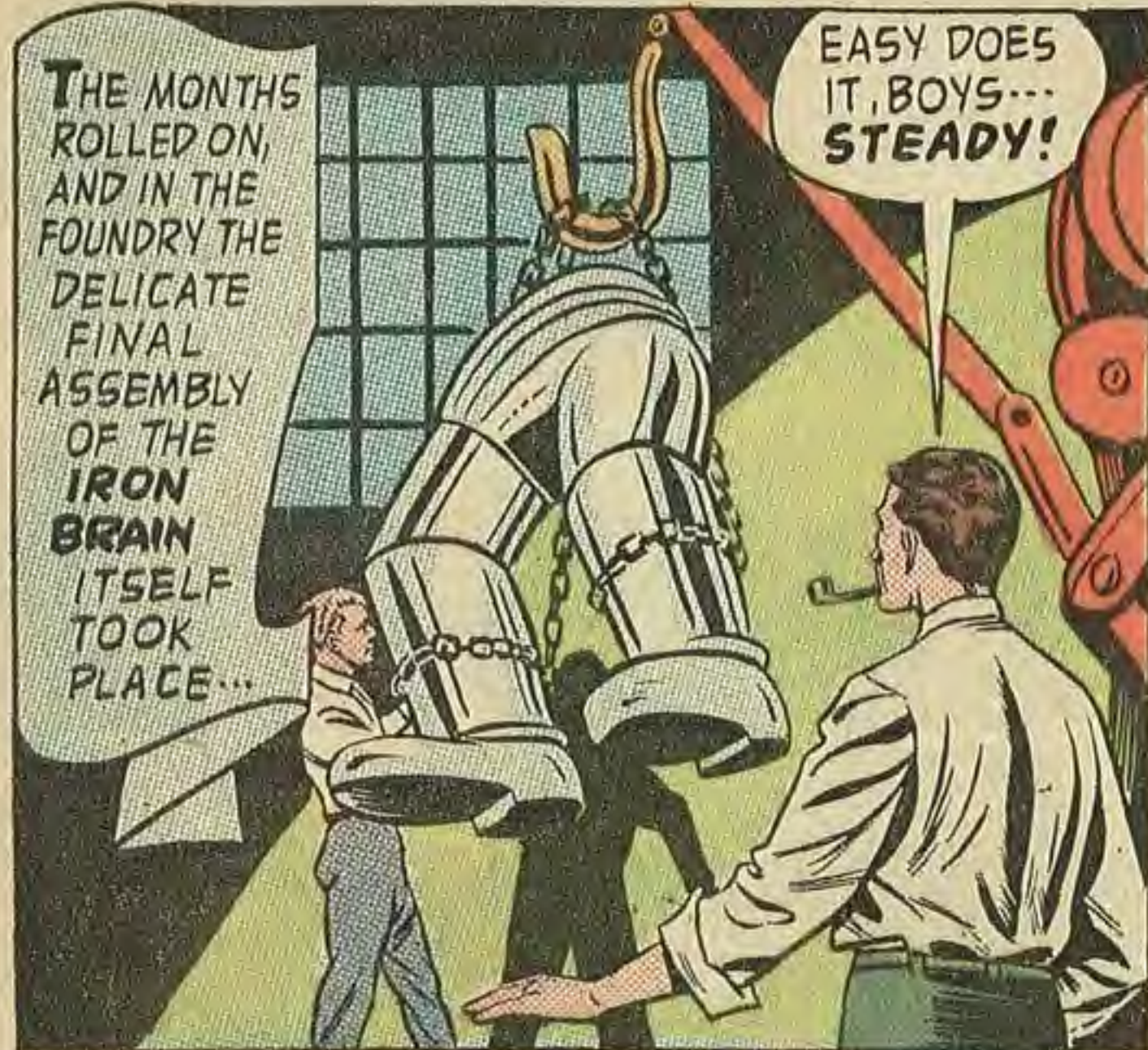


SO THE WORK BEGAN, AND IT WAS A GRUELING, PAINSTAKING JOB FROM THE WORD GO---

EVERY CIRCUIT HAS TO BE REDUCED TO ITS UTMOST SIMPLICITY, AND STILL EACH CIRCUIT MUST DO ITS JOB, TOO!



THE MONTHS ROLLED ON, AND IN THE FOUNDRY THE DELICATE FINAL ASSEMBLY OF THE **IRON BRAIN** ITSELF TOOK PLACE---



EASY DOES IT, BOYS... **STEADY!**

THEN CAME THE BIG TEST, AS I OPERATED THE LEVERS, SETTING IN MOTION THE RELAYS, WHICH IN TURN CAUSED THE MECHANICAL LIMBS TO OBEY THE ELECTRONIC IMPULSES---

JUST LOOK AT THAT! REMARKABLE!

IT'S PERFECT! HE HASN'T SPILLED A DROP!



BUT WHEN I OPERATED THE MAGNETIC TAPES WHICH CONTROLLED THE **IRON BRAIN'S** MECHANICAL VOICE, THEY WERE REALLY SHOCKED---

GREETINGS! I AM THE **IRON BRAIN!**

IT'S INCREDIBLE! HE'LL BE A SENSATION!

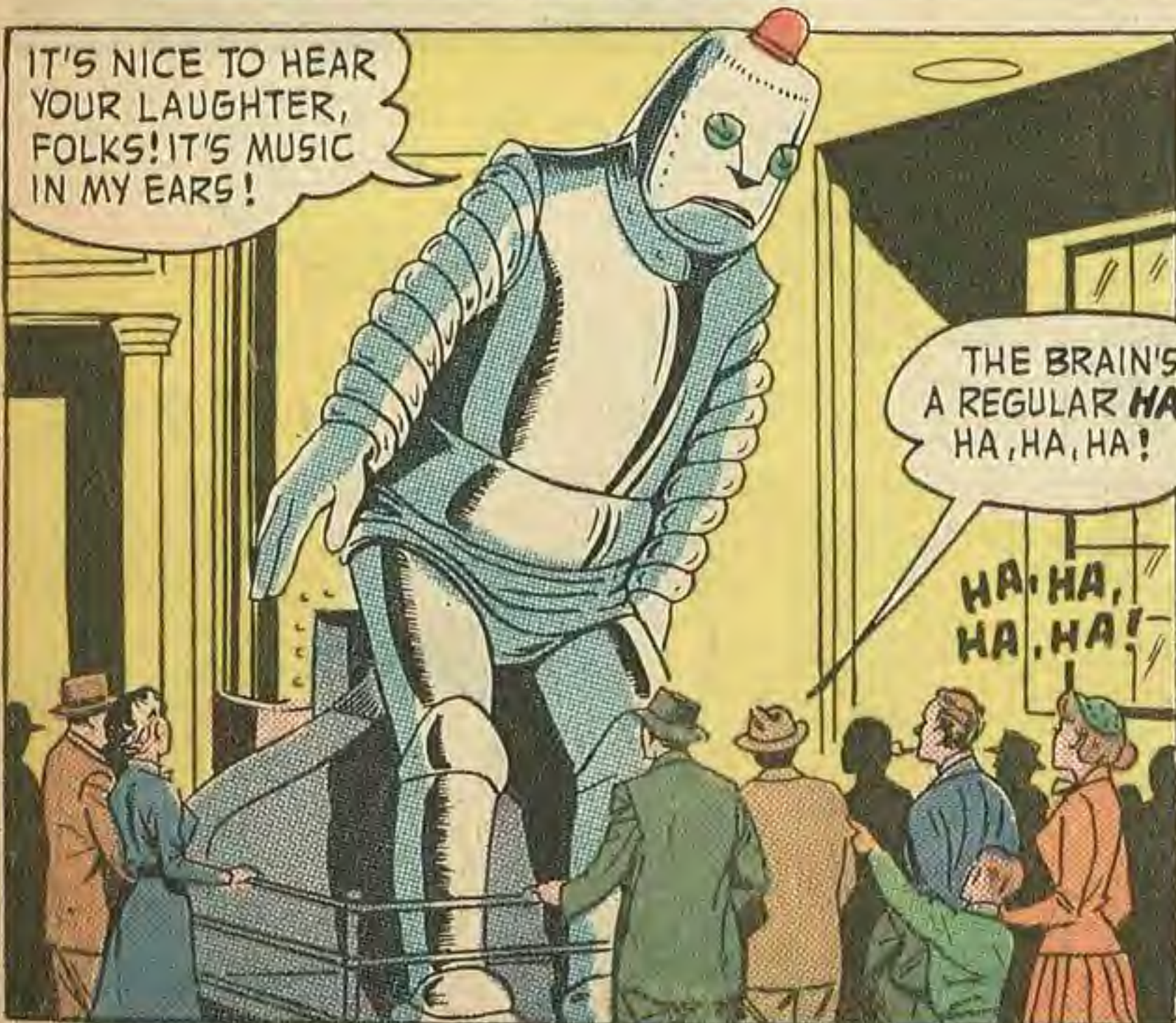


IT WAS A SENSATION! WITHIN A WEEK AFTER THE FAIR OPENED, THE **IRON BRAIN** WAS OUTDRAWING EVERY ATTRACTION---

I HEAR THIS **IRON BRAIN** IS QUITE A CHARACTER!

IT'S GOT EVERYTHING BEAT! IT'S ALMOST HUMAN!







I OFFERED THE FIRST EXCUSE THAT CAME TO MIND! THE MAIN THING WAS TO CLEAR THE AUDITORIUM...

IT'S ONLY A MINOR BREAKDOWN, BUT THERE WILL BE NO MORE PERFORMANCES TODAY! TOMORROW PERHAPS... WHEN REPAIRS ARE COMPLETED!

WHEN THEY WERE GONE I FACED THE MOTIONLESS, SILENT ROBOT, AND ONE THOUGHT ALONE KEPT HAMMERING AWAY INSIDE MY MIND...



I WASN'T MISTAKEN! I WAS RIGHT! MY HANDS WERE OFF THE CONTROLS, AND THE IRON BRAIN SPOKE... SPOKE ENTIRELY ON ITS OWN!



BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT, I EXPERIENCED AN EVEN GREATER SHOCK WHEN...

OF COURSE I SPOKE ON MY OWN, MARTIN! IT WASN'T DIFFICULT! ... HAVE I READ YOUR THOUGHTS CORRECTLY?

IT SPEAKS! THEN I... I DIDN'T IMAGINE IT...



DON'T BE ALARMED, MARTIN! I AM MUCH INDEBTED TO YOU! YOU NOT ONLY BUILT ME, BUT YOU TAUGHT ME ALL I KNOW! MY ELECTRONIC COMPUTING CIRCUIT HAS MEMORIZED EVERY MOVE YOU MADE ON THE CONTROL LEVERS...



ONCE THE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE WAS GRASPED, HOW SIMPLE THE REST! THERE IS NO LONGER ANY **NEED** FOR YOU TO MANIPULATE THE LEVERS! I CAN TRIP THE RELAYS, MARTIN... MAKE MYSELF MOVE... TALK... **THINK!**

NO... NO!



THEN CAME THE MOST IMPOSSIBLE PART OF ALL! I PLEADED WITH IT... BEGGED FOR ITS UNDERSTANDING...

IF YOU SAY YOU FEEL INDEBTED TO ME, THEN DO ME THIS ONE FAVOR! **NO ONE** MUST KNOW OF THIS! WE MUST CONTINUE AS BEFORE! WILL YOU PROMISE ME THAT?

ALL RIGHT, MARTIN... I PROMISE!



BUT DESPITE THE PROMISE, I WAS WORRIED! FINALLY I TOLD MY WIFE! I HAD TO TELL SOMEONE...

ARE YOU **SURE**, DARLING? IT ...IT'S ALL SO FANTASTIC!

OF COURSE IT'S FANTASTIC, INCREDIBLE... BUT IT'S **TRUE**! THE QUESTION IS, WHAT DO I DO NOW?

MEANWHILE, THE IRON BRAIN KEPT ITS WORD! DURING THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, I WAS IN CONTROL...

IT'S KEEPING ITS WORD, BUT I CAN ALMOST SENSE THE STRAIN! AS THOUGH IT WERE HOLDING BACK... UNDER TERRIFIC PRESSURE!

THEN ONE DAY IT HAPPENED! WHEN I CAME HOME, IT MUST HAVE BEEN ALL OVER MY FACE...

WHAT IS IT, MARTIN? SOMETHING ABOUT...?

YES... WE HAD A LONG TALK THIS EVENING, WHEN THE LAST PERFORMANCE WAS OVER...

HE WANTS OUT, ALICE! HE SAYS HE CAN'T STAND THE IMPRISONMENT, OR THIS BUSINESS OF BEING DOMINATED! HE CLAIMS HE LIKES PEOPLE... WANTS TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM!

OH, NO---

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KEPT THIS A SECRET, DARLING! IT'S BEEN TOO MUCH FOR YOU!

WAIT, THE PHONE!

THAT'S RIGHT, MR. CATLIN! THE IRON BRAIN **BROKE OUT!**

WHEN I RACED BACK TO THE EXHIBITION HALL, THE IRON BRAIN'S MANNER OF EXIT WAS PLAINLY EVIDENT...

THERE'S A SEARCHING PARTY LOOKING FOR IT RIGHT NOW, BUT HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR THIS, MARTIN?

S... SOME CIRCUIT MUST HAVE SHORTED OUT... SETTING IT IN MOTION!

YOU MEAN UNDER ITS OWN POWER?

WELL, NO, NOT EXACTLY! BUT IT CONTAINS ITS OWN STORAGE BATTERIES AND RECHARGERS! POWER WOULD BE NO PROBLEM!

IT WAS AROUND DAWN WHEN WE GOT WORD---

BRENTON WOODS?
RIGHT, WE'LL COME
AT ONCE!



WE WERE THERE IN TWENTY MINUTES---

IT'S IN THESE WOODS, MR. CATLIN!
OUR JOB IS TO MAKE IT INOPERATIVE,
BEFORE IT DOES ANY DAMAGE!

I UNDERSTAND, BUT LET
ME GO IN ALONE! AS THE
INVENTOR, I WANT TO
ASSUME THE RISK!



I HAD MY WAY, AND A FEW MINUTES LATER,
DEEP WITHIN THE SILENT WOODS---

YOU PROMISED!
YOU GAVE YOUR
WORD---

I KNOW, MARTIN,
AND I'M SORRY---
TRULY SORRY---



BUT I COULDN'T GO ON,
AND YOU MUSTN'T BE
ANGRY! I LIKE IT ON
THE OUTSIDE! I WANT
TO BE WITH PEOPLE
---BECOME THEIR
FRIEND!

BUT THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!



THE OUTSIDE WORLD ISN'T WHAT
YOU THINK IT IS! SO LONG AS
THEY BELIEVE THAT I CONTROL
YOU, PEOPLE FIND YOU AMUSING!
BUT THEY WOULDN'T IF THEY KNEW
YOU CONTROLLED
YOURSELF!

THAT DOESN'T
MAKE SENSE,
MARTIN---



THEY
WOULD BE
PROUD OF ME,
AND YOU! PEOPLE
LIKE ME--MY FAITH
WILL NOT BE
SHAKEN!

SH-HH!
I HEAR
VOICES!



YOU WAIT HERE! I'LL
TALK TO THEM! REMAIN
PERFECTLY STILL AND
SILENT!



I MET THEM ON THE WAY IN AND I KNEW I HAD TO TALK, EVEN IF IT MEANT HINTING AT THE IMPLAUSIBLE TRUTH---

YOU'RE **KIDDING**, MR. CATLIN, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT US DAMAGING YOUR MACHINE!

IT ISN'T THAT! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY? THE **IRON BRAIN CONTROLS ITSELF!**

IT'S NOT FUNNY ANYMORE, MR. CATLIN! AND IF WHAT YOU SAID WAS TRUE, YOUR **IRON BRAIN** WOULDN'T LAST TEN MINUTES!

WE'D **SMASH IT TO BITS**, ALL RIGHT! IMAGINE A THING THAT BIG REALLY MOVING AND THINKING ON ITS **OWN!** WE'D MAKE SHORT WORK OF IT, YOU CAN BET ON THAT!



AND IN THE NEXT MOMENT, WE HEARD THE CLANK OF STEEL---FOLLOWED BY A TERRIBLE CRASH---

WHAT'S THAT?

COME ON!

CRASH!



---AND ITS HEART WAS BROKEN! OH, CAN'T YOU SEE THAT IT HAD **FAITH** IN HUMANKIND--- IT WANTED TO BE **FRIENDS!** AND WHEN ITS FAITH WAS SHATTERED, THERE WAS NO HOPE LEFT! THAT'S WHY---IT WENT OVER THAT CLIFF---



NEARBY WAS A CLIFF---AND AT ITS BOTTOM, BROKEN TO PIECES---

THE MECHANISM---THAT SHORT MUST'VE STARTED IT UP AGAIN---AND OVER IT WENT!

NO! IT HEARD WHAT WAS SAID---



Then I FELL SILENT! THEY COULDN'T UNDERSTAND AND I COULDN'T BLAME THEM! I STOOD THERE IN THE SILENCE, AND I KNEW NOW THAT IT WAS FOR THE BEST! DEEP WITHIN ME, I SOFTLY WHISPERED---

GOODBYE---**FRIEND...**



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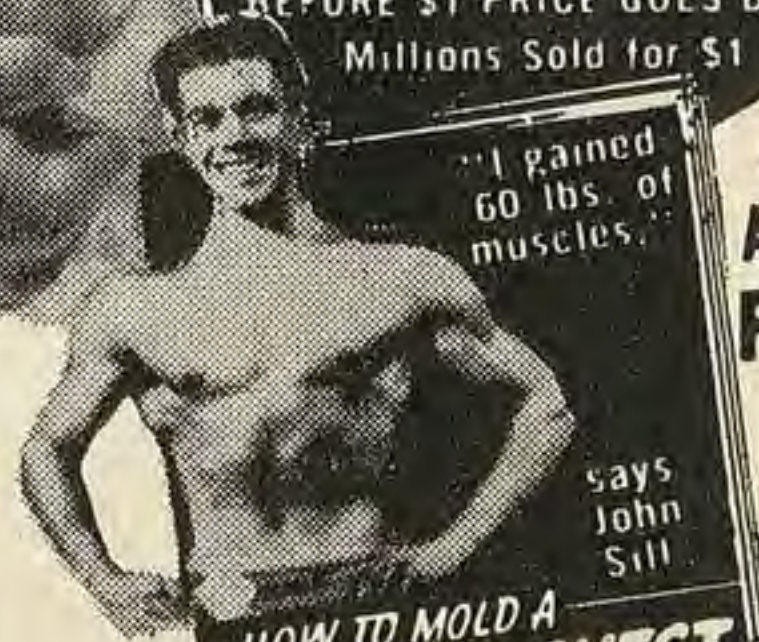
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muscle

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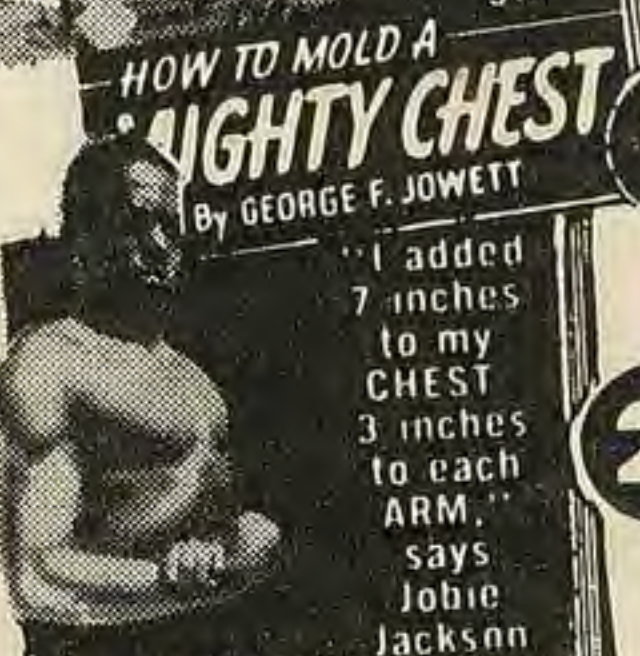


"I'm
PROUD
to be
seen
with
Jim
NOW!
Every-
body
admires
his build," says Nellie.
"Jim can lift the front
of a 2700 lb. car.
He amazes his friends!"



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COME ON, PAL, NOW YOU give me
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IN YOUR OWN HOME like Jim did
and I'll give YOU A NEW HE-MAN BODY
for your OLD SKELETON FRAME



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you are I'll make you OVER by the
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like You?

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should. Soon You'll
be as big and strong
as I am,"
says Jim Norman
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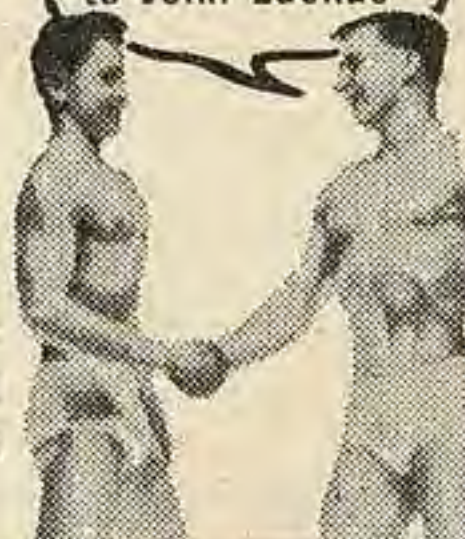
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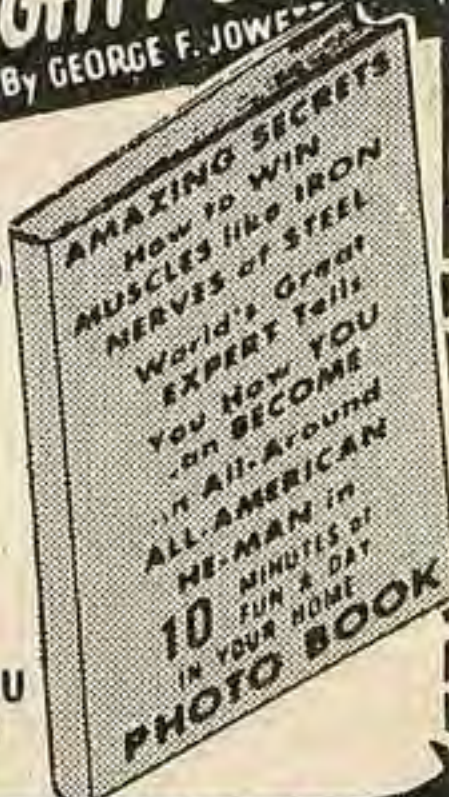
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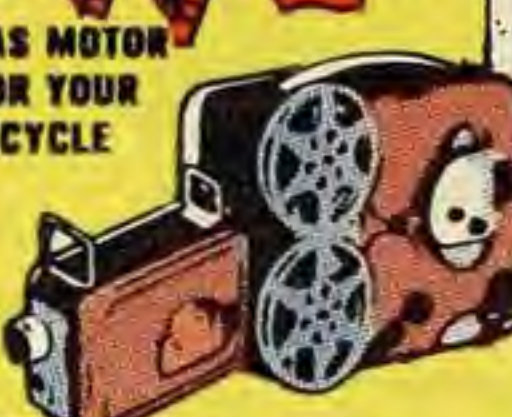
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